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14th 16/40.

My dear Helen,

We have just heard the
decisions Coincidence from the French
Government at Bordeaux in-
-dicating that the Cabinet are
considering whether or not they
shall continue the war "on
the soil of France". It looks
as if France were nearly knocked
out - we shall probably ^{hear}
^{another} further by midnight & I will
write you in the interim.
So far as the French Official
reports go this morning is
array

get ^{just} helping the ^{resisting} big whitely line, but
I am inclined ^{to} spec that ^{certain} obtain
points they are heading under the
chain.

One son Communist says that we
mean to fight it out. I believe
that that represents the Common aim.
of France with them. I fancy she
will ^{do} it by a different means
action which will give time for the
B.E.F. to withdraw too. At least
she cannot stay ^{mean} in less.

One the can mean time of speculation.
If France does capitalists.
I imagine that we ^{shall} fall in snuff
confronted in making the
country an ideal where ^{perhaps} I
do not see to last the year.
in spite of Hitler his 100

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Dear Sir,

we have been in a slight corner
before about ~~the~~ in the Na-
-poleon was, in the Canada
top. Of course air is not.
- marine transport has ~~developed~~
since ~~seen~~ ^{seen} him, and we shall have to
claim the battery, & all the
plans of May & May can ^{live on} ~~live on~~
in another Blitzkrieg. It will be
very unpleasant for a ^{couple} ~~couple~~ of
months. But I have high
authority for saying that ^{our} rate
of production will keep with
that of Germany: we may be
greatly ~~troubled~~ ^{worried} by ~~production~~ ^{worried}

other roads. But it is very difficult to
see how they can do anything
really solid or a vital defence of
the spirit the nation holds and
that it will. She must not be million
there is the working, money & time
fully trained a waiting of ^{the} equip-
ment? Two of my nephews are in that
position. And tanks & artillery can
hardly yet be transported in any
numbers ~~or~~ ^{on} weight. But we shall
have a more or less "rotten" time
to get to the present yesterday.
Innumerable blunders have been made.
from ~~from~~ the Place of Versailles
northward. Not least ^{of} these has
been the far reaching effect of the
working ~~of~~ ^{for} opinion that
the anything ^{the} last war had made

Monday

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Anything but a sustained dependence on
 facts. We were ^{do or a} ~~relying~~ ⁱⁿ ~~relying~~
 for 4 years, & that is the ^{our} ~~our~~
 preparation here ^{so} ~~has~~ ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{and}
 (I hope) through. The ^{so} ~~so~~ ^{and} ~~and~~
 the Blitz ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{been} ~~been~~
 line. And this with the ultra
^{violated} ~~violated~~
^{neutrality} ~~neutrality~~ on all hands at one
 it ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{so} ~~so ^{successful} ~~successful. has left us with
 that ^{fatal} ~~fatal~~ 3 months ^{to} ~~to~~
 make up, & has ^{turned} ~~turned~~
 apparently, the ^{former} ~~former~~ ^{Mayfield} ~~Mayfield~~
 line. But: 4 cases. There
 have been ^{deeper} ~~deeper~~ ^{more} ~~more~~ ^{blades} ~~blades~~
 than that into which it ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~is~~
 necessary tonight to 10.~~~~

But

fatal

He me up against ^{base} base & stone ^{how} rubble's ^{how} head
I am ^{sure} ^{how} sure we can count upon your
prayer.

Le vain Hitler will claim want to
disable an ^{our} army & the French fleet.
That is really the stake in the ^{rest} rest
of the war. Just as we disabled

the German at Versailles, & will ^{they} bring
by disarm by land & sea. We ^{know} know
precisely what is at stake, and I
do not see Britain going down without
a great fight.

Personally I do not believe that Germany
can carry on indefinitely. But the
Hitler system will require great
new burden of France & Paris ^{as well} capitu-

-lates & the tired men & women
in the ^{German} positions - who are Hitler's
weak point will have new

vigour given them, & unless he's
unseen

It is now almost midnight & in a few
minutes the clock may be disclosed
! The new Campaign shows that France's
decision still leaves ^{shows} in the balance.
The really dangerous thing is the rapid
Roman advance down to the south
if they go on as they are doing they
will cut off the French army in the
Majestic line & ultimately take the
French militia & ^{troops} ^{mostly} weak
the Italians in the east. Alexandria is
perhaps within ^{two} ^{days}
Meynard must be pretty desperate.
But all this will be plain to you
long before you get this letter.
So has achieved my mind to write it
dark as is the immediate prospect.
It is not long before what the
French can do short of capitula-
-tion. There is, of course, Meynard
as a temporary refuge on the

except at the final Conference Table.
Yet he seemed to think Germany was near
the subversion point. & that the
winning point would be in the
late autumn.

Whether it would hold to that point?
Do not know. When he spoke he
fully anticipated Italy's entry
which ^{in fact} came off next
day, or the next again.

Well this is a very peculiar letter &
I must say my presence &
go & see.

We are all well. Daisy, as a Utopian
is in Camp with the 1st Division
near Aldershot. Alvin is with me
at home, & as I think I mentioned
is an Air Worker. We are all well.
Warm regard to Mrs. & Mrs. Zwick.

Affectionately,
D. S. Cairns.

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Monday Morning - June 17/40.

We are still in some doubt as to what
happened last night in Bordeaux.
The advent of old Pétain & the
dropping of Reynaud seems to im-
-ply that France will be W. Carr
in some while. But the tanks seem
to have got as far as Dijon.

We must wait for Churchill's commu-
-nication tonight, say in presence of
gird up our loins, & rely on the
sovereignty of God.

Affectionately Yrs.

Duncan Cairns.

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1.30 p.m.

The French Commission is
not so apparent in
France. It is a heavy
blow especially in view
of our men in France & the
French fleet.

But I don't ^{trust} think that
Winston Churchill will
sound a trumpet blast,
he must go all out
& if God so will, go
down fighting.

But ^{how} these words are being
quite out of place. No right, I think,
like my humble & churlish
but resolved as God gives
the power. ~~Deliverance~~ is from
him. D. P. C.

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My dear Speer,

Your most welcome letter came in this morning and as is always the case with your letters came to refresh and cheer the spirit. I feel, for once, prompted to reply right away and shall give free course to the impulse.

I suppose that when you quoted that text from Chronicles, "The battle is not yours but Gods" you knew that Haig (?) quoted it to his chaplain (on the disastrous morning when the Fifth Army was scattered) at G.H.Q. at Montreuil, and it seemed as if the whole line might be overwhelmed. Haig might not be a great strategist but he was a sound character, and it can always be said that that tremendous struggle had its pivot in a man of simple faith.

We had a little scrap in Scotland a month or two ago in the newspapers which had its humorous side, but which raised pretty fundamental questions. ^{on the line of your question} There was a week or two when it seemed as if invasion might come any day. It occurred to one of our ex-moderators that as a body we might send out a message of reassurance and comfort to "our faithful people". He sent us (from the Highlands where he was staying) a draft of a letter as a suggestion. At a meeting rather hastily called we approved the draft, and as the case seemed urgent commissioned him and the acting moderator to issue it. The letter was a ^{concise} ~~concise~~ ad populum and was short.

A good deal of correspondence followed, most of it approving the letter, but it drew forth also a much longer letter criticising it, signed by 24 ministers and professors, -quite a weighty signature.

The letter criticised it (a) on the ground that it ^{asserted} ~~asserted~~ that we had a clear conscience and (b) that it assumed that we could count (?) on the help of God. This was said to be presumptuous in view of our national sins.

As to (a) the earlier letter in its ^{assertion} of a ^{sure} "clear" conscience the writers and signatories were of course thinking of the outbreak of the war, and the "appeasement" period. The 24 read it as applying to the whole history of 1913-1940 and to our general uprightness. It was a simple case of cross-purposes as to which I think ~~we~~ ^{ex-Words} did lay ourselves open to criticism. The letter was, ^{on supposed emergency grounds} ~~on~~ supposed emergency grounds too hastily written and approved, but the main interest (?) lay in the issue on the 2nd point, and here is the question- "In what sense and how far can we count upon the help of God in this struggle". Public reply to the 24 was of course, impossible, but I had it out in correspondence with a number of my personal ^{D.C.M.} ~~young~~ (?) friends among the 24. As your letter indicates you have in America the same cleavage between the generations. It is by no means, however, absolute. Pacificism here has almost disappeared as far as public manifestations go. Youth is ^{standing} ~~standing~~ (?) solidly and bravely in the line. But in the interim between the wars pacificism had a big inning. A considerable number ^{number} ~~number~~ seem to me to take rather a discouraging and ^{line} ~~line~~, of

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Which this letter of the 24 was an expression. - Neither of the two letters was, I think, adequate. But I think my brother put the issue as between them rather well. "I had rather", said he, "be a spread eagle than an owl".

The letter of the 24 after saying that the signatories were confident of the final issue of the war went on to say in effect that our national sins deprived us of the right to expect the help of God. This of course, laid them open to the question "If God be neutralized(?) on what do you base your confidence -

On heathen heart that puts its trust

On iron tube or smoking shard?"

There is a real dilemma of faith in the whole business. On the one hand, if we say "Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered" as Cromwell said at Dunbar and if we are beaten, then the heathen will say "Where is now your God" If we hold that God is neutralized by our sins "then if we win, the heathen will say "By our own right hand we did it you cannot have it both ways!"

We can find authority in Scripture for both views. We have to choose between Isaiah of *Jerusalem* and Jeremiah! I told my friends that I thought their whole outlook was too narrow, that, as I read human history it was not a pure tribunal in which God was to be seen accurately dealing out victory and defeat according to our merits, that it was quite an assumption to suppose that Elizabeth deserved the victory of 1588 or that Britain deserved Trafalgar and Waterloo, that God ~~cared for~~ (*freedom*?) freedom and His Cause in the world and thought of these as well as our merits and demerits, that if He had been in the long battle of freedom and humanity (*we*) we surely had reason to believe that He cared for them still and that we had therefore good reason to hope that He would help us - but that He gave us no reason for certainty, only a good hope and that whether we won or lost we must keep our faith in Him. A *pragmatic*, perhaps, rather than a water-tight position! Yet, I think, it is *Biblical*. I told them, too, that true as was their call to repentance, and great as was the need for it, this letter did seem to me a little like lecturing - ~~lecturing~~ the policeman on his sins while the burglar was getting in at the window! But I think it perhaps needed both *both* letters and *ours* to get the whole truth out (*2*)

What you say about American *currents* and *main currents* is very interesting. I always ~~remind~~ remind my self that it was not so long since Joe Chamberlain was ~~going~~ harping on our "splendid isolation". We had to give that up, but did it very reluctantly, you will have to give it up too. The world is not made in that way. Meantime we are grateful for the help you are giving us and for your sympathy and moral support. The fear of invasion has receded though not disappeared. We are ready for them, and if they do get in they wont find it easy to get out! But London is having, and will continue to have a hard time. Here we have had seven or eight alarms and *quits* to the basement and a a few bomb craters at Craigmillier and Holywell and some other places nearer by. The nearest was some 300 or 700 yards away. Very few lives ~~have~~ have been lost in or near Edinburgh, but of course that will probably not last. There is not the least

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sign of panic. We think that the U.S.A. was quite unnecessarily pessimistic about our ~~power~~ of holding the Island, especially the egregious Senator Pittman. I am not without anxiety about the Near East, but I think we shall be able to hold on there too. But what I ~~do~~ at the moment I do not see is how we are going to march to Berlin and set Europe straight without your being at least willing to come in, sooner or later, all out, as you did last time. Of course the time for that has not come yet. And it may be that Germany will crack suddenly. I am sure that in spite of appearances, she is not really - or nearly - as strong as she was in 1914. A decisive defeat might do it as well as the definite conviction that she could not win. But she is a good way from that yet. Prediction is impossible. Meanwhile we are in good heart and setting out teeth to it.

I am rather cheered by the reports from chaplains that the morale of our army is better ~~than~~ in this war than in the last. Some say that this is due to the freer relation between the sexes in general.

May it last!

I have been working away at a book. Whether it will come to anything I don't know. I have always to write many papers and I am only less than half way through the first (X?)

I have been for some weeks reading up about sin. I cannot say ~~that~~ / I am satisfied that we have got down to permanent bed-rock here yet. Certain broad truths are clear, but what a mess theologians have made of it! Have you ever been impressed by the weird phantasmagoria paganism has made of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Something was at work that deceived men and made them take a nightmare for reality! Well, have theologians been free of that same spell? I cannot think so.

With love and gratitude to you both,
Yours ever,

D.S.Cairns.

P.S. I am grieved to know of the illness of Dr Sarah Parker White. She has been a while in hospital but says she is now better and is going back to Sunset Lane, Tallahassee, Florida.
We are all well. D.S.C.

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& support to "our faithful people".
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as a suggestion. At a meeting
rather hastily called we approved
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seemed urgent & imminent being
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author of the man & the

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action which I think we take heed.

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-dependent as the impossible.

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any personal S.C.M. - 20/1/49

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"The leather heart that puts its hand"
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As Lowell said at Dunkirk, as we
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by our sins. "Then of our own,
The leather will say. "By our
own right arm we did it. You
cannot have it both ways!"

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We can find nothing in Luther for both
him - we have to choose between
Luther & Pausanias & Jerome!
I told my friend that I thought this
whole outbreak was his nervous.
That, as I read human history, it was
not a mere historical, in which God
was to be seen accurately dealing out
virtues & defects according to
merits, that it was quite an
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deserved the victory of 1588 in
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the lawyer was getting in at the
window!

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What you say about American
agents & how much is very
interesting. I always believed

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Crawbain was hassling about
an "splendid isolation" - he had to
give that up, but did it very reluctantly
I will have to give it up, too. &
The World is not ruled in that way.
Meanwhile we are grateful for the
help you are giving us, & for your
sympathy & moral support.
The few inches he needed, that
wasn't disappointed. We are ready to
them, & they do not in the
world find it long to get out!
But London is being a mill
station. I fear I have a hard
time.

We have had my 7 or 8 alarms
& 2 miles to the basement.
- a few bomb crates at
Craigmills. It's good & some
other places, near G.

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The nearest was some 600 or 700 yards
away. My first lines have been lost in
or near Edinburgh. But I was that will
probably not last.

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we think that the U.S.A. was quite
concerned of possibility about in view
of holding the Island, especially the
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last time. Of course the time
we that has not come yet.
And it may be, that you may
will come suddenly. &

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-viction that she could not win.
But she is a good way from that
yet.

Prediction is impossible.
Meanwhile we are in good heart,
& setting our teeth to it.

I am rather chafed by historians, from
chaplains that the ⁱⁿ words
of an enemy is better than ⁱⁿ than
in last. Some say that this is
due to the press relations between
the sides, in general fashion!
May it last!

I have been working away
at a book. Whether it will

come anything I don't know.

I have also, 4 white man, papers
& I am not at all like they
think the first.

I have been for some weeks
lying up about £100
I can't say I am at all
satisfied that we have got down
to permanent lead rock has
yet. Certain good hills
are dead, but what a mess
theologians have made of it.

How far down has been
the wild phalaris paganism
with its thousands of valleys, knots
made of the God of truth
and landless fruit. Smuggling
was at work that deceived
men, & made them take a
right name for reality!
I would have theologians be so
poor that some shell?

I can't think 10.
Will we love a great deal of the book.
yours
David Cairns

I was pleased to hear from Charles for Mr. South
Parker White. She has been in while in hospital
but say the illness has been in going back to the
Tolliver, R. S. C. become ill.

Cairns, D.S.

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Feb 4/41.

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My dear Helen,

Your most welcome letter, as always, cheered & warmed my spirit. The great compensation for the ordeal thing I think we are all passing has is the new sympathy & understanding with America. I quite understand & allow for its divisions in the rear of our country-men. I don't think they are all like you! Still I am convinced & yield a new climate in the American mind towards us, caused by this sense of a common danger from the opposition of the enemy!

Things have definitely improved
since I last wrote. The de launty
collapse of Italy has given some
out the report of an ^{private} French diplomat
sent to that country just before
the war, which pretty well amounted
to this, that the Fascist regime
had become rotten & corrupt, &
that the people hated the man,
i.e. is, & any one who knows
about the disarmaments, a pitiable
business. The Pope, of whom
I had great hopes at one time,
has lost a great chance.
So I return the following story of
him when he was still Paele.
It was told me by Mrs. Aaron
a South Indian Christian, who.

looks after the International Students' Club in Glasgow. In the YMCA it is all Aaron took a party of Dundee Students to Rome some years ago. He had an introduction to Paolini then in the Vatican, & met with a warm welcome from him. In the evening Paolini suggested that they should all go out & see where the Gods' images suffered. They went to the Coliseum & saw it by moonlight. Paolini showed them the supposed spot, & suggested that they should have passed together. They all sat down & then Paolini made Aaron lead them! There is a

Pictus (p) m. I understood that
Aaron did not want this to
get into publication, but leaving
him as I do, I have no doubt
of its truth. I read his Essay, and
+ attention on the Mexican situation.
Therefore, as such documents are apt
to be ~~wordy~~, "wordy", but the language
power & conviction within, and
thought that perhaps really
great Pope had appeared. But
from the moment I lay down his
weight in — dead silence!
I believe that there is a clause in
the Concordat with Napoleon
which forbids the Vatican
interfering with Italian
policy. If so they had
better never have made it.

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While greatly cheered by the collapse of
 Italy, which I think clears the
 Mediterranean sky, we are under
 no illusions as to the real danger
 & the real enemy. & one getting
 ready in mind for them.
 My main apprehension, however, is
 for a long body like mine
 for Western Europe and an
 indecisive peace. Exhaustion
 whatever the result of our
 invasion it would be far
 better for us if it was ended
 in a field is almost the
 odds were 10 to 1 against

him. Then if we were forced to
attack Germany by land.

We are not confident that we
can deal with an invasion.

Things I quite recognize them.
- certainly & all was.

But I think we may very well have
a very unpleasant time.

I don't think we can present
the country by air & isolate
"suicide parties" which would
do this best to mess up
our railways, & sabotage certain
vital productive centres.

But I guess don't say to
them will get out again.

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Perhaps do not be alarmed of Quakers
a trade laundries. They are being
prevented & provided ~~for~~ for.
The remaining danger is, perhaps,
gratis, but with I can help me
I should be able to deal with it.
But it is likely to be a good
summer!

Bill Paton has asked me to
expand a letter I wrote him
into an article on the J. Kelly
and I am having a try at it.
It is really on the same theme
as that on which Miss Phillips
recently wrote a paper for
J. H. O'Hara's "Christian News
Letter."

I might put the subject in a half-popular
form by saying that it is an unknown to
answer the question whether we can
still sing the hymn "Hark shall
reign wherein the sun", or whether
it should be dropped as "a devout
imagination" going clean beyond
Discipline & ^{lawful} ~~lawful~~ ^{critical} ~~critical~~
forecast. It is a very sweeping
hymn, a quite a number of the
best classical musicians of our
world need to go along with
it. But what could the
"realist & skeptical" men do
with it? or a fine Christian
Scholar like Eschscholtz & Rosen to
say nothing of Hans Jure?

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and Arnold Toynbee?

By the way I heard a very interesting
paper on Egypt & Nubia the other
day. Referring to Nubia's position
about the future of Egypt history
he traced it to his Egyptianizing in
Plymouth while in order. He has been a
very valued personal friend of mine
for many years, but I mean based
this. I always thought his
people are several Egyptian
of it. But the Gory is ever
positive, & said between Nubia's
brother in his youth.

I learned from my brother who is an
author on Egypt, that
Nubia's mother was the ^{Queen} ~~Queen~~

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P.S. Feb 5/41.

It looks today more as if Germany were
aiming to head things to Salonica or
the Dardanelles, although this may
be only a feint. Things should be
much clearer by the time I get
this letter. Much in this case will
depend on the staunchness & resolve of
Poincaré & Coudré. The latter was promised
that she will oppose Germany in the
Balkans & Russia should help her
too. So we are up against that
Enigma! It is difficult to see
any clear precedent in this case.
If she goes to Salonica she can I
fear overthrow Greece. If she
goes to the Dardanelles, she
will be a long way off Syria &
the Canal. I should, if she moves
So I am at all that she will make her

Calaver - & his people the Mediterranean
intercontinental.

But I still think that the likelihood
is that he will try an invasion
across the sea.

I send you a replica of this week's
Punch cartoon which may amuse you
both

We have had a very winter day.

I had lunch today with the Methuens
Mrs. M. was Green Robins & Fin-
-castle. Whom I remember long ago as
my friend & three happy girls.

I fancy you have some rough
silence & the Boston dejection in
the back of your head!

She has none too good health but
is profiting by psycho-therapeutic
treatment - What do you think of it
all?*

M. D. C.

* I think I sent you a copy of the report of
the Committee of the Society on it?

Cairns, D.S.

True

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EDINBURGH, O.

TEL. 41004.

March 18/41. [

My dear Sir,

Many thanks for your ever welcome
letter which I have read with keen interest, as
well as Conill's motto speaks. "It is the reality
a "St. Maurice" production. Roosevelt has
been able to get good men working. That I
suppose is where Wilson failed. We have
never to be thankful for Churchill. I have
never seen this country so solid behind any
political leader. Gladstone was a big man,
but this his very greatness hindered his action.
Of course we have never seen in my life time
been in such danger, & that almost
for nothing. But he has fit. Indeed
he fits so well that I sometimes
create a mind that is much depend
on one man. I see no one else could
readily take his place.

I listened in a road as I know it by heart.
was a most-~~lasting~~ message. Has his been
as brief as ever a mind as Ledwidge's highest
wonderful. On he like Churchill, a real
fond of religion in him, maintaining it may
be, but deep rooted? I wonder what you think
him, a few ^{away} ~~read~~ ^{read} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same}
, I never could make sense out. He
was exploring, general, a spiritualistic
but when I read his speak about
democracy being formed in this country
I could have sworn! What kind of
Company had he been keeping?
well, we are in the thick of it now
I am having up for a grand dinner,
but one whole incident of the war.
we had a real alarm the other
night, for the houses on the
plains of night seasons look to be
in this road, & no gun was fired
& we had the trouble with our

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a high sheep. I have all they have
 changed at the meeting & say on the
 Clyde. But this time it has been
 definitely broken. The wires around
 tonight 500 dead & 800 injured. A
 paper says that the mess
 board of the dead "in this ~~land~~
 should." If this is the truth
 it must have been a grain of truth.
 They were mostly working folk & many
 children were among them. Of course
 the Clyde is a visible & a fair target.
 But Britain bombing is simply
 the devil. It does ^{no} good
 with our people. It simply makes
 them more degraded & will
 in the long run breed lasting hatred.
 I have long read that we should
 take Unofficial Anonism.

I was a great deal relieved when a friend of mine
wrote to the Air Minister on the subject
- got from him through his secretary, the 9th
- their assurance that the Government's policy
of cutting up at military establishments
remained unaltered.

The breaking of Bielefeld & indeed the Germans
have made a good deal must have been
a blunder made possibly by some indi-
- vidual raised. But it was a lamentable
incident, all the same.

Like him gets on, as yet with a surprising degree
of normality. Of late the streets are
full of men & women in Khaki,
- & gay blue. (The R.A.F. colour) with
a sprinkling of Phe, Gleds & Americans
Mason's daughter & her 2 boys are
neighbors & friends (they are living
hef vicinity post. & kind, because
of the Gen 20, & Jan Mason is
with them tonight for a meeting on
Monday. - This is ^{also} a good way
to visit representative.

But we have got quite accustomed to the
 waiting of the sirens, & pay little
 attention to them till the guns begin to
 shoot when we stream down
 basements & shelters, & read & write
 till the kid "all done".
 But of course, we have not yet had any
 serious bombing here - as yet - &
 not much more than a score of
 alarms.

I am busy doing reading & thinking
 for an article which Bill Pollock
 has asked me to write for the Inter-
 national Review of Missions.

I think I mentioned it to you before.
 It really is concerned with a sub-
 -ject in which I think you are inter-
 -ested, the Second Advent.

Did you ever notice how satiated and
 optimistic are most of our
 missionary agencies? If you have
 not already noted this, take down

any one of your hymns a line or two
winning sides. As your influence is
like mine you will find that the
majority my infinitely for the salvation
of all men. The next largest collection
about the earth, victory of Christ,
on the lines of what I think the
greatest of them all.

Jesus shall reign where the sun
& all his precious promises

That is the King of Heaven and Earth.

His Kingdom shall from shore to shore,
& all knees shall bow before him

& that is the King of Heaven and Earth.

He is the greatest of all times
reference me way on the other

And that goes down in the text of all his
people who say that the Bible teaches
that the world will get more and more
like Christ comes to judge the earth,
judging it as like the redeemed of
Heaven.

And it goes right in the text of the
and my honored King Jesus Christ.

Pozanski now guarantees (Lind) a
Histry in 6 vast volumes, with
I hope to follow to read them.
Well, I am still persuaded that they
are all wrong! But I kind hope
that I can prove it!

But I can say this of them. You are for
them it was those hymns! And
I do not say will see that you
can say. "Hallelujah Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be
done — on Earth as it is in
Heaven." For how can you pray
for any thing that you are quite
sure will never happen?

But the only solid direct statement
of a certain position is briefly
the Restatement is the climax of Paul's argument
in Romans to be where
the salvation is all traced to the
"in the Father of the Gentiles"
are clearly asserted

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When his has for miles, ~~why~~ get
 this confidence. I think it was
 due to the Messianic element in the
 old Testament is large measure
 Jewish apocalyptic was too much
 pessimistic. The Christianity
 of the N.T. is to me an optimism
 trying to express itself in pessimistic
 categories thought, a hole a hole
 hearing the shell.

Do you know my friend J. W. Lubin's
 book on "The World to Come" or
 "Final Destiny." I agree with
 the late Principal Skinner of
 Cambridge that it is the best
 book in English on Eschatology.
 I have been reading the sections on
 Jewish & Christian Eschatology
 agree with renewed appreciation

But the whole problem of the specific
element in the Empire is difficult
still. whether I shall be able
to write an article with position
I am not yet sure.

Pozzani's book is well worth reading
in spite of its colonial bias.

By the way, I had dinner lately
that he is not a son, as the
Lionel Pozzani. His wife is

she is a daughter of John Murray, became
a R.C. & wrote a book lately
on the failure of the Good Pagans.

Peter tells me that he is not a Roman
Catholic. But I must
have this too long letter.

as it is now 1. a. no. long
kindly. Love me both.

affectionately
D. V. Carina

Caldecott, Ernest

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ERNEST CALDECOTT, Minister

May 14, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
c/o R. W. Gwinn
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Bronxville, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

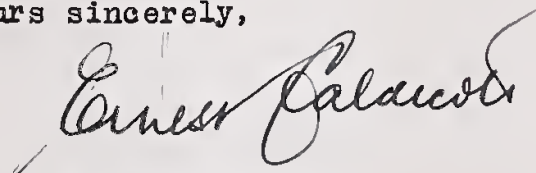
This letter is written to you at the request of Mrs. Edgar Lamplin, 3675 Valley Brink Road, Glendale, California.

It so happens that a few days ago I was speaking at a Woman's Club meeting, at which Mrs. Lamplin presided. I had presented some ideas concerning an effective Peace Movement, led by Church people, and she believed you would be interested. Under separate cover, I am sending to you an address which in all too wordy but still worthy fashion presents the thoughts some of us have in mind.

Clearly, however, no one person or single group of persons will be able to affect the peace of the world and I would like to know what your attitude and that of your associates might be toward some such effort as is being proposed in the Los Angeles area for implementing the peace ideas that already exist.

If you are disposed to do so, I would like very much to take up correspondence with you on the subject.

Yours sincerely,



Ernest Caldecott

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THE LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 18, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

As you doubtless know, Princeton recently called from us Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, Jr., our Professor of Doctrinal Theology. The Board of Directors has thought it advisable for us to make temporary provision for the work in that important field next year while we very carefully search for the right man to fill the chair permanently.

I know of no man in either branch of the Presbyterian Church who could do such a task as you could do it, and on behalf of the Executive Committee of our Board I am writing to ask you whether you would be willing to consider it.

Under separate cover I am sending you a catalog, on pages 38-39 of which you will find listed the courses which were offered by Dr. Kerr. Under such a proposed temporary arrangement, we would not expect you to offer anything like the number of courses as are there listed. We would like you to offer the basic survey course three hours per week for the two semesters and at least two other units, one each semester, of elective courses--a teaching load of six hours per week for the two semesters. If it were acceptable to you, we would, of course, welcome having one or more additional elective courses offered, but we are concerned primarily that a nucleus of courses be ably presented to the students rather than that a large number of courses be poorly taught.

Our schedule of classes is not yet made up. In planning it, we would be able and willing to plan your schedule of classes so as to give you a maximum amount of freedom on week ends to fill appointments at a distance, if desirable, and we would also expect you to have more freedom than a regular member of the Faculty to be absent from classes to fill any previous engagements, or any engagements arising later which you may deem it desirable to accept.

Our present budget would permit us to offer you remuneration at \$300 a month for the eight months of the academic year. If, however, in relation to the living arrangements you would be able to make, this amount seemed to be inadequate, I would not want such a factor to stand in the way of your accepting this urgent invitation, for I think it is possible that some friends of the seminary might be persuaded to supplement our budget if that would enable us to have your services in this field next year.

This may seem to you to be a very audacious invitation. If so, it is the audacity of a Macedonian call to a Paul to "come over and help us", and I hope and pray that you may be led to heed it, for it would afford you an opportunity to render an outstanding service at a crucial time in the life of the seminary, the church, and the nation.

I am leaving for the Educational Conference at Montreat on the 25th, and if it should be possible for you to give me some reply before that time, I would greatly appreciate it.

Fraternally yours,

Frank H. Caldwell

Frank H. Caldwell,
President.

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Dear Mr. Speer,

I am back up here in New Hampshire with my family. You helped us all yesterday at George's funeral. Thanks so much.

William Ralph Hall & I had a talk after the service. There is no question our minds but that we should carry on the schedule of seminars as planned. I'll get to Mr. Payne right away. But I believe we can carry on, & must as best we can.

So will you please save the dates for us for the present as George & you had agreed. If this is not in line with your thinking, do let us know. I had a note from Payne today when I got back saying that we must look at once for George's successor, so I feel confident the Seminar Plan will go right ahead. I certainly shall back it as much as I can.

Thanks again for all you are doing with us.

Ever
Fay Campbell

Campbell, E. Fay

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August 12, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I am grateful for yours of August fifth.

There is no question but that we are going ahead with the seminar program. I have had two fine letters from Paul Payne urging that we plan to carry on.

You and I are scheduled to be together in the Northwest and we shall find some other chairman for the other seminars.

I am making inquiries about Lindquist and the others whom you mention. I suppose it will be impossible to have a talk with Dr. Payne until about the middle of September. In the meantime I am trying to get together the names of possible people. Do please plan to carry on with us, because we shall need you more than ever with George out of the picture.

My best regards to Mrs. Speer.

Cordially yours,

E. Fay
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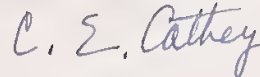


Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Absence from the office has delayed my writing to express our gratitude to you for your inspiring contribution to our group at the Seminar in Chattanooga. I had the feeling that the responsiveness and alertness of our group this year were better than ever before. You are rendering a magnificent service to the Church in the leadership of these groups. May God continue to strengthen and bless you.

Very cordially yours



C. E. Cathey

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Cavert, McC.?

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Westminster Presbyterian Church
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Nov 15 1940

My dear Robert.

The Paulist Fathers
do the thing you and I have so
long and fruitlessly urged our people
to do! All enclosed.

These ancient spruce trees are in the
estate of an old monastery 95 years
old. It is near Dubuque where Dio
spent the week in a conference of
pastors. The farm embraces

3300 acres. The monks and
lay brothers do the work. They
are under the vow of silence.
It was the most comfortable and
restful place Dio seen since
leaving the General Council!

They take paying guests. I'm
me in a month of silent
fellowship! What do you
say?

Says?

Afhy

McCloskey

Cavert, Samuel McC.

Excerpt from letter to Bishop Ralph S. Cushman from Dr. Samuel
McCrea Cavert, of the Federal Council of Churches.

"I am interested in your plans for the use of Mothers' Day in connection with the appeal for the moral protection of the men in the armed forces, and I think that the idea is a capital one.

Let me suggest that, in stirring up a protest to the Government, it is probably necessary to make some distinction between the attitude of the Government toward commercialized vice and its attitude toward liquor. I am sure it is wholly correct to say that the Government has been extremely apathetic toward the problem of alcohol, but I do not believe it is correct to attribute a similar attitude to the Government in regard to the problem of vice. On Thursday of last week, March 12, our Coordinating Committee for Wartime Service spent the afternoon in unhurried conference with Mr. Charles P. Taft and his colleague, Mr. Elliott Ness, of the Federal Security Agency, discussing the problem of prostitution. Mr. Taft and Mr. Ness convinced us that they had launched and carried forward a remarkably vigorous program for the suppression of prostitution in areas adjacent to camps. They told us that no fewer than 127 red-light districts had been closed under pressure from the Federal Security Agency within the last few weeks. There is doubtless much more that could be done by commanding officers in camps, but I do not think that we can justly criticize the policy of the National Government in regard to vice. On the contrary, I think it is very gratifying to find men of such firm convictions on the subject as Mr. Taft in government posts where they can make their convictions effective. Our very representative group of twenty people who met with Mr. Taft and Mr. Ness last Thursday were completely convinced of the sincerity and earnestness with which these two government officials are approaching the problem. What is needed now, so far as the problem of vice is concerned, is, I believe, the stirring up of a vigorous public opinion in local communities. I think that the Government is doing its part, but that it is meeting with a great deal of resistance in some communities and that the churches in these communities are the ones which need prodding more than the Government.

Cordially yours,

March 20, 1942

SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT

Chapman, Claire

JM

11 Edinburgh Road,
Shanghai.

Dec. 11, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer;

You wrote me a letter of recommendation when I was at home on furlough, and wanted to take out naturalization papers; but when I found that I should have to put off returning to China, and even when I did have the papers, could only stay on the field for two years, I dropped it for the time.

Owing to war conditions the sieve through which aliens have to pass has finer netting than usual, and the Consul here advises me to ask for two or three letters from well known American citizens, when putting in my application for return to the U.S. When I expected to be naturalized, three names came to my mind immediately; yours, Dr. Erdman's, and Mr. Stephen Baker's. And now I should be grateful to have the same three sponsors. I have not heard anything from the Bakers for a long time, and on that account have asked Dr. Erdman to forward my letter to him. This time I expect to remain, and not to come back to the field, both on account of my age, and because in the early spring I managed to contract typhus fever, which takes a long time to get over. I am quite well again, but have not yet as much strength as I expect to have presently. There has been a bad epidemic of typhus this year; brought down from the north by the lowest grade of refugees; those who sew their clothes on during the cold winter.

Some of us were marooned at Kuling when the invasion caught us; it was several months before we were able to get back to Shanghai, and by that time all our possessions, and the house in which I was living at the time also, had vanished. This is the third time that I have lost everything; it gives one a "bare" feeling; but it also makes mere possessions of much smaller importance; and lastly, it is much easier to pack! I so often think of the verse "They took joyfully the spoiling of their goods," and I realize that the Lord does indeed make that true.

I hope that you are all well; my love to Mrs. Speer; I so often think of the pleasant little glimpses that I used to have of her in the old days. Now all the children are grown up, and are running important matters themselves.

With kindest regards, and thanks in anticipation,

Very sincerely,
Claire Chapman.

Chen, Y. G.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CHENGOTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

17th October, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
IAKEVILLE,
Connecticut, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Speer:

At the beginning of another school year we know that our friends will want to hear of present conditions in West China and how the continued Sino-Japanese struggle is affecting the University and its program for the coming twelve months. We hope this letter may give some kind of picture of the life and problems which are being faced by us today.

In contrast with the chaotic conditions of the greater part of the world the institutions on this campus opened the fall semester in an atmosphere of calm. The actual date of opening was September 9, with registration from the 5th to the 28th for regular college students. The heavy rains of this summer, though they were instrumental in keeping away Japanese raiders, caused the disruption of many roads and students experienced great difficulties in reaching Chengtu. This year the number of applicants for entrance to the University was even greater than last year, being 1,500, and it was only possible to accept about 200 due to lack of dormitory and classroom space. The enrolment figures are as follows:-

College of Arts	118	
College of Science	188	
College of Agriculture	247	
Specials	48	601 in Chengtu
Rural Leaders' Training School		70 in Jensheo
Middle School		680 in Wanhsien
Middle and Primary School		350 in Nanking

We have had, as is true at the beginning of every school year, a certain number of changes in staff and faculty personnel. We welcome particularly Miss Chen Wen-sien, who has come to us from the University of Chicago to take charge of the Social Service work of the University, and Dr. C.K. Lin, one of our own graduates from the College of Agriculture returning to us after advanced study in Cornell University.

From Nanking and Wanhsien come reports that work is reopening successfully in the continuation and farmers schools and the Middle School. The Hospital has of course been continuing its activities throughout the summer. Wanhsien city has been very terribly bombed during the vacation but as the Middle School is outside the city it has not been directly affected.

Clouds and rain, which did not leave Chengtu all summer, turned out to be a blessing as the Japanese planes only came once, on July 24. Bombs were dropped in the eastern section of the city, a particularly crowded area, and a certain number of fires started. The death rate it is feared was rather high but the damage caused by the fires was far less than in the June raid of the previous year. No bombs fell on the campus. Many alarms were sounded during July and August. Our Science unit in Chungking has suffered rather heavy losses in property and the staff's and students' personal belongings, but we are thankful that no lives have been lost. On August 9 nine bombs fell within the compound where this work is being carried on, demolishing completely the students' dormitory and doing heavy damage to classrooms and workshops. Again, later in the month, a direct hit was scored on the dugout to which the group goes for shelter, but no one was injured.

As in other years, both students and staff were engaged in various projects during the holidays. The Christian Students Summer Service Corps was again active, this year carrying out work in cooperation with the Border Mission of the Church of Christ in China. Groups of students, drawn from all the institutions, walked to different places on the Szechwan-Tibetan border, to the northwest of Chengtu, to render service to the tribal peoples of this area. Another group of staff and students from the Department of Sociology of the University of Nanking, cooperating with the local provincial authority, carried out sociological investigations among the Lolos, a tribes people living to the southwest of Chengtu. One of the cameramen from the Department of Educational Movies accompanied this group to take pictures of the life of these people. Still further groups were engaged in agricultural and other work in various sections of the province. At the two summer resorts of Omei and Beluhdin religious conferences were held and were well attended by members of the different institutions. We feel increasingly with each year that we have been able to participate in these vacation projects, that they are most worthwhile and afford the students in particular excellent opportunities for practical experience and a tangible expression of the spirit of service that is so vital in these times.

Unfortunately it seems as though the peace we enjoyed throughout September is not to continue. Already this month Japanese planes have raided Chengtu city three times causing considerable damage and much loss of life. From pamphlets dropped by the raiders it seems that their aim is to demolish the city and this has made everyone anxious to do all possible for the protection of the lives of staff and students. There are no good shelters and the wisest thing would appear to be to enable the students to scatter as widely as possible in the country. It is hoped that this danger will only be for a short period, for in another two or three weeks the winter pall of clouds should close over the Chengtu Plain and make it difficult for the raiders to find their way here more than occasionally.

As we look forward to the coming year we are appalled at some of the problems that face us. Our chief concern is how to meet the ever-increasing cost of living. Prices for all commodities are tremendously high, and with each week, almost each day, they

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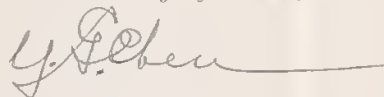
reach a higher peak. It was hoped that the new crop of rice would bring the price of that commodity down to a more reasonable level, but there has been no alleviation of the situation and everyone is faced with the problem of finding enough upon which to live. It soon became apparent that the salary bonus allowed each staff member would not be sufficient for September and this was increased for that month. In addition loans have been allowed to staff members for the purchase of rice and other commodities. As conditions change so rapidly the bonus is being fixed afresh each month and for October will be \$10.00 higher for every member. This of course will take a great deal of money yet there seems no other way of treating the University members fairly.

In spite of troubled times and problems the outcome of which no one can see, still the spirit of the group is high and we shall carry on as normally as possible, doing all in our power to ensure that the members of the University can continue their work. The present carrying out of regular classes and our usual routine has made a good beginning and no effort will be relaxed to maintain our normal program.

We are most grateful during these days for the continued help and interest of our friends in America and the only way we can express our gratitude is to try and keep you informed from time to time of what we are doing. At present we are most anxious for the future of the group and work in Nanking and hope that the situation may ease in time. Thank you very much for your personal share in maintaining the interest in educational work in China.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Y.G. Chen

YGC:MT

Dear Dr. Speer - May I add a word of greeting - these days are difficult. This morning the sun shines and we fear it will bring enemy planes for there have been many raids here lately. We are grateful that this great plain is under clouds most of the time! In spite of the many interruptions, the work goes on. Just now we are moving all our funds from Shanghai - for all the schools, missions and individuals we had just over half a million, every cent of which has to be sold through merchants for the banks will not touch it, but already nearly 300,000 is safely transferred. I had hoped I could spend a year at home, but it is very remote ^{now}. Sincerely, Chen on Present

Clarke, Dumont

DUMONT CLARKE
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

THE LORD'S ACRE PLAN

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FARMERS FEDERATION
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Nov 19, 1941

Dear Dr. Spier:

Enclosed, I am sending you a copy of *Scripture-Prayer*, just from the press. I hope you will think it worthy of the great-subject; and that you will consider it likely to prove of real service to the Church.

Any suggestions by way of changes for a second printing, I will much appreciate.

I am deeply grateful for the quotations from you as well as for your help in the wording of the page "The Scope of Scripture-Prayer". Always I am deeply grateful for the inspiration that has come to me through you, from preparatory school years to this day.

Ouri would unite with me in prayerful good wishes to you, Mrs Spier and your family.

Affectionately

Dumont Clarke.

DUMONT CLARKE

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

THE LORD'S ACRE PLAN

FARMERS FEDERATION
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

February 1, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakewood, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

By this mail I am sending you a copy of the 13th Lord's Acre Anniversary Issue of the Farmers Federation News. You were so helpful to us in getting the Lord's Acre Movement started, I want you to see how the Movement, in the Providence of God, is spreading. A number of the articles are from our own Presbyterian Churches and are very impressive.

Also, I wish you would glance at the article on Scripture-Prayer (under the heading "The Religious Program of the Farmers Federation") The presentation of this subject at the country churches and before pastoral groups, with stereopticon slides, is being very thoughtfully and heartily received. I am deeply grateful to you for the encouragement which you gave for the advancement of this Bible plan, also.

With prayerful good wishes to you and Mrs. Speer, and to each one in your family circle, *in Christ Jesus and His love*,

Gratefully yours,

Dumont Clarke

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Thank you for the biography so stimulating & humbling.
What manner of man ought we to be.

Hope our paths will cross soon, for you did
always refresh me.

In friendship

James W. Cook

Clarke, James W.

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Butcher 13 Aug/43

Dear Dr. Spear:-

Thank you for your heartening & under-
-standing note re Jim.

It is our crowning sorrow, but God's
consolations have not been small. "The fellowship
of His sufferings" - what an awe inspiring and elevating
sentence. Who is worthy?

George's death is also a deep loss. He
was gone out in travelling so much with such a hard
condition.

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June 23rd, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Doubtless a check covering your expenses and an honorarium have followed you from Synod but that is only but a slight token of the contribution you made. You are aware, I am sure, of how God uses you but never more than at Wilson College, the recent meeting of our Synod, from morning to morning. In my conference Thursday afternoon with the Elders, one theme and one alone was discussed, and that was, a vessel, what kind am I, as an elder in the church, etc.

Again, personally, may I thank you for all that you do to help us in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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April 27, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
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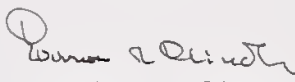
My dear Dr. Speer:

I have made your letter of April 10 available to our Catholic Co-Chairman, who as you know has just been appointed as Ambassador to Spain. Whether or not he will choose to make any comments, I do not know, but if he does, I will relay them to you. Personally, I am very much concerned with the question that you raise. It is directed to an important point. Indeed, the rigidly logical position of the academic philosopher holding to the Catholic theory of a complete and finally revealed truth leads to some behavior wholly unacceptable to Protestants when applied to the real world of human relations. If you have not heard this Catholic position stated, there is an illuminating article in a recent number of the Roman Catholic periodical, The Ecclesiastical Review, November, 1941, entitled, "Catholics and 'Interfaith' Groups" by Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R.

President Mackay has experienced similar difficulties with Roman Catholics in South America. Fortunately, there seems to be a difference of position in this country due to the experience of Catholics as a minority group in the United States, which has issued in some opinions and practices quite contrary to European Catholic theory, and there may be much hope if we can encourage the spread of this New World outlook as exhibited by Catholics in the United States.

With warm personal regards, and all good wishes to you,

Very truly yours,


Everett R. Clinchy

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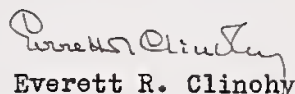
Dear Dr. Speer:

Professor Hayes did acknowledge receipt of your communication to me and he wrote back a confidential note indicating that he regrets very much, personally, that the Spanish Government is exercising any discrimination against Protestants. There is no doubt in my mind but what his personal influence will be along lines with which you and I would heartily agree, but whether or not he can set in motion any forces to change the practices in Spain is quite another matter.

My feeling, Dr. Speer, is that our hope in America lies in more communication between Protestants and Catholics. As the great masses of lay leadership, and the clergy too, become increasingly aware of the sensibilities of Protestants in regard to the importance of religious freedom, the deeper will be the impression in Catholic minds, the change in Catholic hearts, with regard to the observance of civil liberties in connection with freedom of conscience.

I have addressed a letter to Dr. Pugh, our Stated Clerk in the Presbyterian Church, a copy of which is attached. Would you favor the temporary experiment of such a committee, provided this committee would deal forthrightly with such issues as the one you have raised? The Presbyterian committee would create opportunities to meet with Catholic leaders. I can assure you that there are Catholic bishops, Catholic clergy and laymen in large numbers, who would be quite ready to discuss these matters. If you would be willing to say that you would like to see such a committee appointed by our general council, I very much wish you would write to me to that effect and permit me to send your letter to Dr. Pugh.

Very truly yours,


Everett R. Clinchy

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Clinkenbeard, Minnie P.

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6508 Second Avenue, N. E.,
Seattle, Washington.
March 14, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Will you go back in memory about thirty years and try to recall a little conference with two young ladies, who met with you at the Y. M. C. A. in regard to going to India as missionaries? Their names were Sarah McRobbie and Minnie Parker. I am Minnie Parker. You accepted Sarah McRobbie and rejected me, saying, "You haven't had enough chemistry to go out there where they know that subject so well." Of course my hopes were shattered and I felt that there was no use trying to be a missionary. Once before I had wanted to go out to China but at that time I was too young. In those days I thought that any one who wanted to go was called of God. Of course I know differently now.

A few years later you called me on the telephone and asked me if I would go then as a missionary to India. I was still a little bitter (please forgive me, Dr. Speer) and I said, "I haven't any more chemistry now than I had when you rejected me." You replied, "I feel that I made a mistake in not sending you, and I would like to have you go now." I answered, "No, I can't now."

Dr. Speer, it is because of that telephone conversation that I want to write this letter to you. The Lord wants you to know that you didn't make a mistake in rejecting me. He never called me in the first place. It was just that I, myself, wanted to be a missionary. The Lord must love you very dearly, Dr. Speer, to put it on my heart to confess this to you and release you from the responsibility of your decision. I feel better, too, now that I can ask your forgiveness for being a little bitter about it at the time.

Since those days I have gone through many experiences. I compromised with the world for several years but during that time I was teaching a Sunday School class and attending church when it didn't interfere too much with my own pleasures. I thought it was well with my soul (How many in our churches today are like I was then!) until a deep sorrow came into my life which changed me and made me realize how far I had wandered and how indifferent I had become to my patient and loving Lord.

From 1916 to 1933 I worked in the laboratory of the Seattle General Hospital. I had to take chemistry, by the way, as well as other special subjects preparatory for this work. Isn't that His leading, when chemistry was a "tender point" with me!

In 1932 I thought I was willing, without reservations, to let the Lord take charge of my life. But I offered the Lord this suggestion. I said, "Lord, don't you think with my training as a nurse that I could join the Salvation Army and do rescue work under their board? I would like to go to New York where I don't know anyone and give all my time to the work." But that wasn't His will for me either. What a school of hard training it took to put me in the place where He could rule my life, my will, my all! Because of all this I feel sorry for young people who make the mistake of wanting to do certain work and try to believe that the Lord has called them to do it. Dr. Spier, as you well know, when the Lord calls one to do something, the call is definite and unmistakable. If it isn't definite, then it isn't a call.

I shall tell you what the Lord really had me do when He finally could use His own plan for me. It was very different from anything I could ever have thought of myself. He sent me to a father and two motherless little boys. This undertaking seemed an impossibility to me at first. But the Lord said, "You've always wanted to go to the foreign field or do some special work. Now I want you to humble yourself and raise those two boys for Me. You said you were willing to do anything I wanted you to do. I want you to do this." I refused for several months for many reasons. But I could not pray nor find any fellowship with my Lord and I felt only a deep loneliness until I said, "Lord, I am ready, if You will help me moment by moment." And He did. The first years were very hard and I sought Him constantly. I won't take your time for details. This experience was for my training as well as for my service to my little family. The sickly little fellows have responded beautifully to my efforts and are now big strong young men of seventeen and sixteen years of age. We are a very happy family in Him. My husband and I are praying that the Lord will use the boys in any way He wishes and any where. They are both Christians, but as far as we

know, have not yet been called for any special service.

Since my time is not taken up so much with home duties now that the boys are older, the Lord has given me an additional work for Him, that of intercession. For the past two years I have had a prayer partner, Mrs. Helen Schear, also a housewife and the mother of six children, who prays with me according to Matthew 18:19. We are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and we are earnestly praying for our pastor, Dr. F. Paul McConkey, whose place is a very hard one. Recently a burden has been put on our hearts for the whole denomination. We have been especially burdened to pray about the "Auburn Affirmation" from the passing of which our church has never recovered. I can't see any point to its inception or acceptance, except that it is a trick of Satan's to undermine the church. It has done just that.

We are praying that the Lord will raise up someone who will have the courage and the separation to get up on the floor of our next General Assembly, and uncover this sin of our denomination and do something about it. For as Achan of old, we can not hide anything from the Lord. I have found it so in my own life. The Lord is waiting for us to clean this all up, for He wants to bless us as a denomination but cannot with this stain upon our records.

Dr. Speer, since the Lord has given me my "wilderness experience" I know that one cannot compromise. If this sin could be confessed it would start a global revival, and missionaries would be sent out to every creature. There would be a real unity then of the whole Body of Christ brought about by the Holy Spirit and the gates of hell could not prevail against it.

As you know, Dr. Speer, the Lord is no respecter of persons and He can use us in prayer if we have every known thing on the altar, and we have. Every day He leads us on to new heights in Christ Jesus. "He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust" but when He controls our wills and when we accept the promises at face value then He can use us mightily in intercessory prayer.

Dr. Speer, this has developed into a very long letter; I hope you will forgive me and be patient with me. I know you have gone a long way with our blessed Lord and have walked all these years very close to His side through all your wonderful service for Him. I feel that He put it into my heart to tell you all these things just as I would talk to an old friend. I wanted you to know, too, how He has lead me all the way even though I wasn't allowed to go as a foreign missionary. He is everything to me and nothing but His best can satisfy me.

Miss McRobbie and I have been great friends and have

corresponded all down through the years. When she comes home she will probably stay with her brother who lives just a few blocks from us.

Thank you for reading all this so patiently; I want you to know that we are praying that the Lord will still use you in a mighty way to further His work and plans, if it is His will.

Yours very sincerely,

Minnie Vester Clinkenbeard
(Mrs. Joseph B. Clinkenbeard)

Coan, Fred

24 Bank Street, Princeton N.J. Sep/ 29-40

My very dear Rob and Emma.

It seems very long since I have heard from you and my heart cries out for a brief chat. I note in the envelope that I answered your welcome letter of June, but that is the last I have heard from you. In that letter of June 24 you had a visit from Howard who was very glad to see you. He is such a fine, clean, manly boy and it is simply tragic that he is not married and in a home with a loving companion. After my 54 wonderful years with such a splendid wife, I pity those who do not know what it is to be married and have a home.

Well the world does not seem to have grown any better since you wrote and as you say it is hard to be happy when one sees and hears of what is going on across the seas. The Nations have deserted God and He has left them to their own folly and madness.

When one thinks of the millions of broken hearted widows, and orphans and refugees wandering about homeless, it does almost break one's heart.

I wonder whether your daughter and family were able to leave and be with you. I do hope so.

A few words of our doings may be of interest. Dear Howard met me at Mountain Rest and gave me a wonderfully happy summer. He took me first to Stowe Vt. where we visited Frank and family. Then to Wooster Ohio to see the few friends left there. We were the guests of Dr. Paul Wright a fine fellow. I so missed one of my best friends, dear John Wishard, I loved that man very much and he passed away a few days before I would have been there.

Then we spent a delightful week end with Mrs. Clement of Buffalo and of course saw dear Emma Cochran, Mme Ponafidine. We were playmates and she has been a sister to me all our lives. I was so glad to know her son Oka is with that fine man Mr. Clark who married Eunice Whipple and Alec is gardener for Mrs. Clement. It is good in her to give him a job and her beautiful flowers speak of his skill. Thence we went to Gary Ind, and had a nice visit with Rev. Pera Mirza one of our finest Assyrians, I take it back, we only saw them a day as he was at the Winona Conference. Thence to Minneapolis where we visited Katharine and family on their farm and saw dear Miss Hale, Harry and Mab Cochran and other old friends.

We returned via Canada and were gone ten weeks. It was so good in Howard to give me this great pleasure and we so enjoyed a good visit again. I enjoyed the 6 weeks in Mountain Rest very much and hope I can go there again if I live that long.

Physically the trip did me very much good and I was happy to have the doctor tell me the other day my blood pressure, my recent enemy, is about normal again.

I am simply overwhelmed when I think of God's great goodness to me. To think that at this time of life 81½ I am as well and strong, with no aches of any kind.

When we visited Ray Hart, Janet's sister in Cazenovia I saw her father in law just my age, and how different! He had to have a special nurse, could only come down six stairs once a day and suffered a good deal. Two weeks ago God released him.

My supreme wish is to serve the One who has been so good to me, as long as He wills. Christ is very close and real and what could we do without Him! One of the most precious and sweetest and most helpful of all His promises is "Lo I am with you ~~66~~ ways, even unto the end of the world. What more could one ask?

I have been glad to see some thing of Christie Wilson. A fine man, and I hope she gets back to Persia. By the way have you read that splendid book, the best I have seen yet on Persia written by a lady Physician. I am so anxious to own it and can't give the exact name or the publisher. It is some thing like this. "My vacation in Iran" I was amazed to see and happy as well, what splendid work our new progressive Shah Pahlevi is doing in Persia. She gives him unstinted praise. Of course you have read the book, and if enclosed p.c. you would give me the title and where published I would be most grateful and would send to 156 for it. I want to get up a new lecture on it.

I am glad to report our family as all well, except that Ned has just lost his brother Howard after an operation in Detroit. Last week Wed. I know Ned would appreciate a note from you. Now please write me soon, for you know what my love for you is dear Rob. With deepest affection and lots of love to Emma. What are Margaret and William doing?

P.S. At last, my Memorial of Dear Ida is ready and to be mimeographed, will send you a copy of course

With deepest love.
Fred

Coan, Fred

24 Bank St. Princeton N.J. Oct. 28-40

My very dear Rob. and Emma.

I am ashamed of the very poor letter I wrote you recently, but at the time was unable to lay hands on your last good letter to me of Oct. 6th.

I have just found it and see I have not begun to answer it as it deserved. X
Can you stand another letter so soon?

You had been holding meetings in Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa, and met Rabi Para at a Conference in Indiana. He is such a fine man, I think without exception the strongest we have here, and he is doing a fine work in Gary. I put him in the same class as Dear Moorhatch, who was an exceptionally brilliant and able man. I knew Moorhatch from childhood and we have done a great deal of evangelistic work together. Moorhatch had a brilliant mind, and was a fine evangelist to the Moslems as well.

Others who are doing a good work in America are Marshall Yacoe in Yonkers. I shall always thank God for finding him. As you will remember a great stumbling block in Yonkers was that Mr. Shleemon. He had so lost the respect and confidence of the people there, that after two weeks of evangelistic sermons which they asked me to conduct for them when it came to to leave they begged me to find them a man, as they could not stand Shleemon any longer.

Good preachers do not grow on trees and are hard to find. In this case I made it an object of special prayer and went to Chicago, having heard of this Yacoe.

When I met him I realized he was just the man. He has his College and Seminary education in America, the situation in Yonkers required a man of his character,

He is tactful, very cautious, and the man who could get along with any one.

He is doing a fine work, but they so need a church building, and I have been praying over it ever since my work there.

If I was out in the churches as formerly where I could present the need, I have no doubt I could easily raise that money. All the wealthy friends who told me to feel free to call on them for such needs have gone to their reward. Mrs. Turner, Dear Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Livingston Taylor Mrs. Taw, all of whom have helped liberally.

Do you realize that on one furlough I raised for Persia \$100,000. That fine Girls School at the Womans Hospital for dear Dr. Funk. I don't say this in a spirit of boastfulness, but simply to show how times have changed. I have wondered whether Dr. Henry Sioane Coffin who must be in touch with wealthy churches and men could help me.

He is a good friend of mine and I have loved him ever since the time I was sick in a Hospital in New York and he called on me several times altho I had never met him. He brought me books and as soon as I left the Hospital invited me to lunch with them and spent a good part of the afternoon with me.

One of my greatest trials is not to be able to be out in the churches more, for while I could not keep up the strenuous and continuous work I did when younger, I could do such work on Sundays. It hurts me not to be used more even here, for say prayer meeting talks or an occasional Sunday service. I have given two talks in the Second Church here before they had called a man, and they enjoyed them very much. I would appreciate the courtesy for example of being invited to have a share in the Communion service at times.

I know so very few in the First Church simply because they have never had a chance to hear me. I have thought seriously of attending the Episcopal church here. I have always liked their service and often said if not a Presbyterian I would join that church.

I get terribly lonesome here at times Rob with no one to talk with on the deeper things. Dr. Paul Martin is very kind and I have had some nice calls on him, then there is Dr. Hallock Johnson who used to be at Lincoln University followed by Rob Labaree they are very kind and social and have called on me. Chas Erdman one can hardly ever find at home. He is such a busy man, and what a fine man too! When my daughter Katharine was here, for they made me a visit I took them to call there and Katharine fell in love with him.

I did so enjoy the two days with Katharine, and Fred. I hope to go Sat. to West Chester Pa. to visit Elizabeth and Ned.

I am so glad you could see my two fine boys Frank and Howard. Frank left by air mail for California yesterday to be gone a week. Janet his splendid wife has been gone a month to Stow and I have missed her very much.

She found me this delightful home with the Van Normans a splendid couple, who have practically adopted me. I take my meals here now, and so enjoy the home cooking after restaurants. God has been marvelously good to me Rob. When I think of my family the children and grand children I feel very rich. Then He has given me good health, for I feel very well. The High Blood Pressure was a warning, that I was working too hard

And since taking it easier am glad to say it is now normal.

I have just finished my Memorial of Dear Ida and will send you a copy. I know how it fails to do her justice, and in writing it have realized as never before what a wonderful woman she was. A very kind friend a Mr. Marx has helped me so much in getting it mimeographed, and has taken such a deep interest in it. The stenographers whom have done the preliminary work have been very deeply impressed with her character.

Writing it has been no easy thing dear Rob, and the tears have often come as I have recalled old and precious scenes in our happy 54 years together.

Oh how I miss her and how my heart cried out for her. The longing for her will never cease. But I thank God for her release from pain and suffering, and the unspeakable joy of the new life. That sweet book. "They live and are near" by Turk has been such a comfort to me. Yes, in many ways our loved ones are nearer than when here.

Don't you feel it that way with your dear Elliott? Speaking of him I want to tell you and dear Emma how very deeply I have sympathized with you in your great loss. When you spoke of how much I missed dear Elliott my tears came, for I have often thought of you both with an aching and sympathetic heart. Had he gone the ordinary way it would not have been so hard and I have marvelled at your patience and courage, and sweet spirit under the tragic circumstances.

I wish I had known him better but told you what a very deep impression he made on my friend Sisi an Assyrian who was with him some time. How hard to understand the Dear Father's ways and dealings with us. We do know that He is afflicted in all our afflictions, that he wept at the sorrow of the two sisters. That is one of the sweetest verses in the Bible to me to know that our Great God cries with us,

You had been to several Communion services in the Episcopal church and later to the Evangelical where the pastor emeritus was so active and bright, at 88.

Frank's wife Janet tells me she gets great help and comfort attending the eight o'clock Communion service at the Episcopal Church here. She has little use for most of the preaching in our church. And speaking of that Rob, it seems to me that the sermons of most of our preachers have lost their old power. One very seldom hear a sermon on sin, or the great doctrines. The sermons are pleasant essays that don't make any one feel uncomfortable. I seldom hear a strong sermon that would awaken people to repent of their sins and lead a deeper life. Sermons preached with deep earnestness and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

By the way the book I referred to and ordered through our Board has come and I expect to get material for several talks out of it, but who will ask me to talk?

Pardon such a long letter, but my heart longed to have this chat with you. I want to again tell you dear Rob, how deeply I love you, how much I admire you and appreciate your love for poor, humble me. I count you as the dearest living friend I have, and have loved you ever since that visit to Persia when we had that trip together. Your life so rich in all that is spiritual, lived so near to God, has been an inspiration to me always. You will be happy to know how very REAL and CLOSE the Dear Christ is to me. I am always conscious of His Presence, and O what a help and comfort it is. The thought that He loves such an unworthy person as I am; that He actually wishes to be my guest to abide in me, that He is always at my side, humbles me greatly, for who am I, that He should be so good to me?

His goodness to me in a long life overwhelms me. He has given me at the close a good home with these dear Van Normans, who treat me like a son, he has enriched me with a family that any one might well be proud of. Howard tries to spend every other week end with me and is such a comfort, He and I being alone, miss the dear mother more than the others. He leaving has thrown us very closely together. I count the days between his visits. I am trying to do much more reading since the Doctor has forbidden so much correspondence and other work. I have often wondered at the amount of reading you are able to do. and REMEMBER, By the way the title of the book I mentioned is "A Doctor's Holiday in Iran" by Rosalie Slaughter Morton. It is very good.

I close with the same deep affection I have had since I first knew you.

One incident that may interest you. When you came to Persia and I heard you r inspiring talks, I was so impressed, I shut myself up for a week would see no one but Ida and spent that week in self examination and prayer begging God to give me what I lacked and what you had in such abundance. That was a turning point in my life

Again your devoted affectionate friend and brother

And

Coan, Fred

Mount Eaton O. May 8th, 1941

July
My very dear Rob.

It is a long time, too long, since I have heard from you or written you. We must not in the short time that remains of our earthly pilgrimage lose touch with one another.

A few weeks ago the dear Ellises who live here very kindly wrote asking me to come and live with them for a time. It was very good in them, for I got very lonely in Princeton where I was alone most of the time, and I gladly accepted and have been here about a month.

Mount Eaton is a small, quiet place of about 400 situated in a beautiful part of Ohio. It makes such a difference whether one is living alone or in a family, and I am very happy here. Ida and I always loved the Ellises, and they are fine, consecrated people. Both are doing a good missionary work in this place and are much loved.

One of their fine boys, Paul who has one more year in the theol. school Chicago was here for his vacation and I enjoyed him. One son is married and living in California, and one boy is still in School in the Western Reserve, Robert. One beautiful girl Margaret, is Sen. in Wooster. We see Margaret in vacation time. Wilder has a good practice here.

It is wonderful that I should be invited to make my home here, for while I am not sick but very well, it is a great deal to be near such a fine doctor as he is.

I have had several opportunities to give a message here, and it is much appreciated. There is one church, Dutch Reformed here, Rev. Flohr pastor, where I have spoken twice.

The people here are friendly, simple people and there are a good many they call Amish. Like the Quakers they will not fight and they have no regular pastors but hold services.

Well, my chief object in writing, aside from wanting to chat with you is to ask whether you can give me any information about the father of John Keena whom you know as a very fine man. He was our Assyrian pastor for the Mosul Church. I had a letter from John the other day saying it was 6 months since he had any word and he is very anxious to know whether his father still lives. It would be a very great kindness if you let me know whether you have any word, as we have work there unless it has been destroyed.

I do hope I can give John good word.

What a sad world we are living in! The war news is so depressing, I hate to look at the papers any longer. I am so relieved that as yet the British have control of the valuable oil wells near Mosul. Hitler gets worse and worse, and one wonders when the end will come. It must come some time. I can't believe that a Righteous and Just God will let him escape punishment for his awful cruelty against the Jews. **THEY ARE GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, AND HIS PROMISES FOR THEM WILL BE FULFILLED.** Woe to the nations that have persecuted them! They are yet to play a very important part in the evangelization of the world. No nation that has persecuted them has been blessed. One reason why Persia remains where so many great powers have disappeared has been that it has always been an asylum for the Jews.

O how I wish I could have a good talk with you dear Rob on some of the things that are very near my heart. God has given me peace and joy that I have longed for many years.

That promise, in Isaiah has been a grand comfort to me these days "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." I am glad to say the children are all well. They all think a great deal of Uncle Rob and Aunt Emma.

Is Christie Wilson going back to Persia, I got an idea he was not returning?

All here join in warm love to you. I know dear Rob that you will pray for me that God use me here.

Do drop me a line, for I am anxious to hear from you. I need not I am sure remind you again of how deeply I love you. God bless you and keep you all.

With deepest affection.

Fred Coan.

Coan, Fred

Mount Eaton Ohio, July 5th -41

My dear Rob.

I was very glad to receive your letter of May 14th and am sorry to have been so late referring to it. You had received mine from here and heard how the dear Ellisses opened their home to me. I was wondering just where to live when they came to my relief. Ida and I always loved them so it was a very happy arrangement. I had not thought of Mt Rest, and doubt whether would take me in as they seemed to thing I was an invalid and would require much care.

You had been to the Princeton Commencement and enjoyed the "glorious singing. You also met several Persia missionaries the re
Labaree. I am sorry to hear Rob was very hard of hearing, as I did not know it before

I wonder whether Christie Wilson will ever go back. I fear not. He has won quite a reputation with his book on Persia Art. I am so sorry that the Board cannot get some word about Kasha Keena. His son is very anxious and I wrote to the Board and they referred the matter to some one whose name slips me. But I told John Keena that as the British now occupied Mosul and Baghdad I thought he need not worry. The man they referred me to was Dr. Young. The flight of Hess from German has certainly around much comment. I think he could not go back to G and so did what he did.

I started this to tell you that Dr. Yonan died suddenly a week or so ago. He was to my mind the strongest and one of the most gifted man in the Assyrian Nation. He had lectured in the U.S. and was always eagerly heard and had some thing worth saying. We had been warm friends many years and his loss is to me a very real and personal one. I would regard him as the strongest man in the nation.

I was so sorry I could not have been at the funeral, but it was too far, I know how much you too appreciated his worth. How rapidly they go, and who can take his place? I know how busy you are but just a word to his wife Mary would be greatly appreciated as he thought a very great deal of you. With deepest affection,

A word in some one of the Board's publications would be appropriate and deeply

appreciated by the whole Assyrian Nation. He was a giant among men.

Fred Coan

Coan, Fred

Mount Eaton Ohio. Aug .9th,41

Ans
My very dear, Precious Rob.

Thank you very much for your note of the 6th. If I wrote you as often as I think of you you would be swamped with letters. Yes, we are all sorry to lose dear Isaac Yonan and I will miss him very much as we were very closely associated in the work for many years. He was certainly an outstanding man every way, the leading man in his nation in many ways. The interval between the passing away of the two brothers was short and now they are united in that wonderful home, for eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered the heart of ^{man} ~~man~~ things that God hath provided for them that love Him."

How rapidly many of our prominent Christians among the Assyrians are passing over! I am writing the Board to please send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Yonan. She will appreciate it deeply. ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ of the Assyrian Church, have held memorial services for him.

From all I know he left fine boys who have gained a fine reputation where they live. His only daughter Annie, an unusually fine woman entertained me several days at one time.

I am so glad you told me of dear Annie Wilson's birthday the 24th of this month. I shall certainly write her.

I am so sorry to hear that Dr. Dodd is in the Hospital and needs a long rest. I wrote him thru the Board as I did not have his address.

I am relieved to know that Dr. Brown is doing well after his operation. The dear man called on me when I was sick in the N.Y. Hospital and was the first one to inform me of dear Ben Labaaree's tragic death. That ~~did~~ lead to two others. The father never got over it nor did dear Joe for he knew Ben had been killed in his place.

And now you report the passing away of Mr. James Speere one of the oldest and active of members of our Board. Active up to the time he left. Any day may report yours and my passing away. I thank God every day for taking dear Ida when He did. The world was too sad and wretched a world to live in. What an untold benediction her 54 years with me were!

Thank God, "THEY LIVE AND ARE NEAR".

Now a question before I close please. An appeal has come to me from the "Boy's Athletic League inc." 70 Fifth Avenue B.Y. City that has built a camp Sebago in the Palisades Interstate Park to help pay the expenses of boys there. If for 7 days \$7.00 if for 14 twice that. This camp takes boys from the hot slums and filth of N.Y. and gives them a stated 7 to 14 days of real life, I enclose application of an Andrew Petrovitch whom they would like me to take. I would be glad to give one boy what these 14 days must mean, but only if it is a place where there is a strong Christian influence and the dear Christ is given to them. I have no money to waste in merely secular work. Do you know anything of this. On your reply will depend whether I give some thing for this boy. OVER

~~It would be a great pleasure to do any thing that might lead Petrovitch to Christ, in addition to giving him an outing.~~

TO how good God has been to bring me to this delightful home.. I feel that it will be my last home and that from here I shall enter that wonderful home that is ready for us the other side. How overwhelming God's goodness to us in all He has given through the Christ. Joy and peace here, and everlasting life there.! O how I love you dear Rob and Emma. Y ur love is one of the most precious assets of my life and I shall always thank God for the day I met you.

With the deepest affection for you both,

Always your loving

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Coan, Fred

October 6, 1941

My dear Rob:

I was very glad to receive your welcome letter of August 15. I had not realized that it had remained so long unanswered, and hope you will not take it as any lack of interest. I earnestly hope that we may keep in close touch with each other as our earthly pilgrimage nears its end.

You had been speaking in Petersburg and stopped at Huntington for two days--back at your boyhood home. You say you have a sister and aunt who are living there. I have always, in my travels through that part of the country, been impressed with its great beauty.

I am glad you had received my letter speaking of my happy home with the Ellises. Shreve is small but very pleasant place with many nice people and some beautiful views. I have a very nice one from my window. I feel very grateful to God for giving me this very pleasant, happy home. It's a privilege to live with such people as the dear Ellises. He is a very busy man, and has a fine practice. Fortunately, we are quite near to Wooster--only nine miles--where I still have some friends. As you may know, quite a number of former Persian missionaries and their children are settled there.

The other day Mrs. Jessup, who lives in Wooster, gave an entertainment for Persian missionaries and their children. I was surprised to find over thirty there.

As to my own plans, I hardly think I could find a better home for my last days. The only drawback is the distance from my dear children. When in Princeton I was very near three of them. I miss very much some of the dear people that I met there.

I have good word from the different members of our family. Howard spent most of the summer in Mexico, where he studied Spanish. Frank's only son, Stuart, has just entered Williamstown and is very happy there.

I am glad you are having cool weather, but you speak of the need of rain just now. That seems to be the situation generally. It has been very dry here up to the last few days, when we have had some rain.

We must do all we can to keep in close touch with each other, and very much love to Emma and to all the members of the family.

Ever affectionately yours,

Fred Coan

Coan, Fred

December 8, 1941

My very dear Robert,

Thank you very, very much for your kind note of November 1. I am glad you had received my letters and knew how happy I am here with the dear Ellis family.

You wrote on Elizabeth's birthday, which led your thoughts back to the happy home in Anglewood with the children. As you say, the past will not come back except in memory. What a joy to be able to look forward to a happy reunion, where there will be no more partings. I too, heartily agree with you in wondering how it is possible for anyone to doubt immortality and the life beyond.

You were expecting to be in Ohio at two Presbyterian Seminaries, at Canton and Zanesville. I am glad you had had a good rain at the time you wrote. We have had very little out here, and need much more.

As you say, great changes have come to Persia with Riza Shah abdicating. Needless to say, British influence is back of it all.

I was very much interested in the Board letter of November 28, as it was taken up wholly with the situation in Persia. In that, I note that the mission was taking careful measure for possible emergencies, which included the possibility of reducing the force largely. The question is, "Who should remain?" Of course you have seen the letter, so I did not need to repeat. Resht and Tabriz were considered the most vulnerable stations, and for them, a general program for evacuation was outlined. This was contingent on whether a hostile program should reach a point east of Resht, or whether Batum was occupied, or Turkey invaded; actual evacuation when Darband or Baku or Tiflis had been occupied or a hostile army approached the Turko-Iranian frontier. The predominant feeling of the mission was that if the Germans came in, our missionaries would have small opportunity for service. They were actually considering India as a place for safety, a place to which the missionaries may go in case of danger. The feeling was that if the German advance was not halted soon, all mothers with children should leave for India either for residence there, or enroute to America.

This was the word written in a letter with words by Dr. Dod's, and I have little doubt that you have seen it. I am so happy to hear of the recovery to health of Mrs. Cochran.

The fact that the missions were considering insurance for the insurance of their property, shows that they were anxious about the future. After all, what an uncertain world this is, and how important

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to improve every opportunity for service while it is possible.

You may be interested to know that I have been seriously considering the writing of another book on Persia. My other book dealt with yesterday's in Persia. This would deal more with the present, emphasizing the very great changes that have taken place in that land. I would be very grateful for any suggestions you may make. I feel that even greater changes affecting our work there are eminent.

I was very glad to recently make a short visit in Princeton, as there were several things there that I needed. I have found all well there, and much enjoyed meeting dear Dr. Paul Martin, the Johnsons, and other good friends there. In a small place like this, I very much miss fellowship with that class of men, although Wooster is not very far away.

I was very glad to have the pleasure of meeting all my children and grandchildren except Katharine, who is in Denver.

I cannot tell you how I should love an opportunity to meet you and have a good talk on the things that interest us both so much. As one goes on in years and realizes that he may not have much more of an opportunity in this life, it increases his desire to be of the fullest service while here. What an unspeakable comfort to know that our lives are all in God's hand, and God has a plan for everyone. Because God is our Heavenly Father, His plan is the wisest and the best.

I am hoping that in some way I may be able to meet you again. Let me again tell you how very dear you have been to me ever since I first knew you. I hope you realize the depth of my affection and very high esteem for you. Please give my warm love to Emma and the rest of the family. I am very happy here with the dear Ellises, who have given me such a delightful home.

With deepest affection,

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Coan, Fred

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December 16, 1941

My dear Robert, ^{and Emma} and Emma.

We shall soon be entering another Christmas and New Year, and you know that my thoughts will be especially with you at that time. I hope that it will be a very happy season for all of you, and I wonder whether the children will be home to enjoy it with you. If so, please give them, and accept yourselves, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. One finds it rather hard to use the word merry this year, with so much sadness and sorrow in all the world. I don't think in all history we have faced a New Year and Christmas where everything looked as dark and hopeless as now. But we must remember that it is God's world even if many do not know him or have rejected him. That certainty that it is God's world, and that whether acknowledged or not, he rules it and all that can comfort and cheer is found in him. What a comfort when there is so much to discourage and dishearten!

If I am not mistaken, we are united in our belief that Christ is coming to establish his kingdom on earth, and his coming is nearer than we realize. What a comfort it is to know that, and to know that wars will all cease and peace be established in the whole earth.

Just now we are all shocked at Japan's declaration of war, for that includes Germany and Italy, her allies. Was there ever a time when war was more general in the whole world? How I pity those who at such times have no hope to fall back on, and who do not realize that it is God's world and he has promised that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess him.

I can't tell you how I long to see you, and how much there is I would love to talk over with you. God has been very good to me in providing such a congenial, happy home with the dear Ellises. They are most kind and considerate, and have taken me right in as a member of the family.

I take it for granted that, as always, you are busy. I really hope to be able after Christmas to get at my book in earnest. I know you will pray for me that God help me give the world something that will be of help to them.

In regard to the family, I am very anxious about my son Frank. At the rate at which they are working him, he is certain to break down. He has late hours, and many times he does not get home until after nine. He sees very little of the family. I don't think the dear Lord asks

us to work ourselves to death, but unfortunately he is not his own master.

I need not again repeat how dearly I love you and what you have been to me for many years. With deepest affection, let us pray and hope that the New Year may be a brighter, more hopeful one for the poor world.

Affectionately,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Coan, Fred

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Shreve. Ohio. Jan 3rd, 1942

My very dear Robert.

Please pardon this late acknowledgment for the book you so kindly sent me for Christmas—"The missionary message of the Bible" I appreciate your kind thoughtfulness very much and while I have not had time to read it, now I shall enjoy it. It comes very opportunely as I am working on a somewhat kindred subject. I wonder what you will think of the title to my new book on which I have made a good start. It is "THE WORLD APPEAL FOR CHRIST". I shall be able to use the incidents connected with fifty years out there, so that again it will be an account of personal experience. The Church has no idea how wonderfully the knowledge of Christ has spread and what a large part of the world has been reached, not always to the acceptance as yet, but at least a knowledge of who Christ was and some thing of His unique character. Here is where we see the Hand of God in preparing the way for that knowledge. For example far greater ease in reaching all parts of the world, and how through the Radio, flying machine and other rapid ways of transit His Blessed Name has been so widely circulated and known. Who could have dreamed of it say 25 years ago.

I was greatly surprised when in India to see how many had heard some thing about Him. And China far more than India. At one place in India where I address some 1,000 Moslems & Hindus for over an hour there was wrapt attention and at the close the President of a Hindu College if he could say a word. I will not repeat all he said in criticism of what he regarded as our rotten civilization for why they had no use. Then in close he said. "BUT YOU HAVE ONE IN INDIA WANTS AND NEEDS. THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SATISFY THOSE WANTS. GIVE US YOUR CHRIST."

Oh what a challenge. God forgive the church for its criminal and long delay in obeying that last great charge. GO "ye therefore, and teach all nations ----- teaching them to to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world". The world would never have been where it is today, had that command been obeyed.

The constant talk about our need of a great revival, some times make me tired. Yes Of course we need a revival, but will bring it? OBEDINCE TO HIS COMMAND.

My dear Brother. we are surely near the end, prophecies are being fulfilled daily. God is ready, but waiting on us.

May His richest blessing rest on you and your loved ones. Again thanking you and with much love to dear Emma and all the family.

Affectionately your brother

Fred Coan

Coan, Fred

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Shreve, Ohio
January 17, 1942

My dear Rob,

I was very glad to receive your letter of December 23. You were very good to take time to write to me, for I know how busy you are.

I am glad you have received my two letters. I too have felt with you that this was a dark Christmas season with a danger to so many who are dear to us. It is truly the darkest the world has ever seen, and how tragic that Japan declared war on us so unexpectedly, and as you say, unprepared. I realize how badly our people in the Pacific must feel, as well as humiliated.

I hardly agree with you that we can consider it a civilized nation when that means falsehood, treachery, and barbarism. That is a serious question you ask: "Are we ourselves Christian?" with the many things practiced that are so unchristian. The world has really sunk to a very low level. How far we need to go to come back to the character that God expects in us, and is possible only by his grace and strength. I do not wonder that the world does not have more respect for the church, and that the church has lost so much of its power. We hear much about the great need of a wholesale revival. How are we to secure that revival? Can the people possibly expect a blessing when most of its members are lukewarm, and come so far from the ideals and demands of his gospel. The saddest thing in all is to think of the great possibility and the wonderful work the church could do if only it claimed the promises and its inheritance, and lived up to the ideals that are set before it. God is ready to do so much, and it is we who fail. Can the church be saved to accomplish the great purpose for which God established it until there is repentance for its sins, ~~with~~ a conversion ~~of the same~~ and a coming back to its inheritance in God?

I often wish we had more of the spirit of the Apostolic Church. What wonders God did through it when once it was endowed with his Holy Spirit. We have had examples all through history that show us what an awakened church dedicated wholly to God can do. Do you feel that there is any hope that the coming years will give us another Moody? What a man of God he was! And what was his secret? He was absolutely dedicated to the service of God. When we see how much of the world is yet in darkness, practically untouched, and how large a part of the church is failing to enter its heritage, we might well become discouraged.

We need a great outpouring of earnest prayer with a realization of our own shortcomings and needs. God still lives and rules. The work is his, and he gave his own life for it. May we not all earnestly ask him to open our eyes to show us our failures and to give us a determination that by and through his power we shall enter our inheritance.

I am deeply touched with your letter, and that question "Are we ourselves Christian?" rings in my ears. How can we be real Christians when so much of our pleasure is on the low scale you indicate? I hope you remember me in your prayers as I do you in mine. I can say with truthfulness that I am not satisfied with anything short of the very best that God has for me, and my prayer for many years has been that my life might be a reflection of his.

Affectionately yours,

Fred Boon

Shreve, Ohio
February 19, 1942

My dear Rob,

Thank you so much for your welcome letter of February 11. You were home for a day after several long trips away attending conferences for a month. You covered a great deal of ground, and I see that you visited six places. How very fortunate we are in having a man who can give your message in such an interesting way to so many people. I am very glad to hear that the aim is more spiritual and intellectual than administrative. I am not surprised that they have been useful.

I am glad you found the weather down there milder than here. We are now having quite a cold spell with the thermometer at zero.

The war news is certainly very dark. I agree with you that our people have cause for shame over Pearl Harbor, and now the loss of Normandy through their carelessness. We certainly have nothing to be proud of in such remarks as our ambassador to Russia made.

I can't make out the place where your daughter Margaret and fellow missionaries are interned. How you must enjoy having Constance with you, with her three children. If not too much trouble, let me know how many children and grandchildren you have. I presume you know by this time that I have the four children and fourteen grandchildren. I am glad to say that all are now in this country and are doing well. God has greatly blessed me in my children and grandchildren, and I have every right to feel proud of them.

How are you bearing up under your strenuous work? I hope you are not overdoing. I manage to keep pretty busy here with correspondence and work on my book, which is progressing pretty well.

I don't remember whether I wrote you that my grandson Fred, Elizabeth's son, with a companion, are interned in the penitentiary at Danbury, Connecticut, because they failed to register. We feel it was a mistake, and if he had registered, which as I understand is required of every man, that would not have meant conscription for service, and as you know, all of them being Quakers, they are decidedly opposed to war. Elizabeth, who has visited them, says that their quarters are clean and their food is good. He is improving his time by getting what he can from dentist. Do you think there is any possibility that Howard might be drafted, or are teachers exempt?

What a tragedy was the loss of the Normandy. I do hope it may not have been sabotage. I am sorry the news from the field of war is so bad. What a shame and humiliation that in this supposedly civilized age our troubles cannot be settled by conferences instead of by war. I am glad to see the Russians holding out as well as they are.

You say nothing about your son William. Where is he and what is he doing? I find Shreve is a very good missionary field, and hope the Lord will use me while I am here. The ministers are very cordial and pleasant and seem to be doing a good work.

We have good word from Katharine and Fred who are in Denver. All of the grandchildren are doing very well in their studies. I hope to be able to get East sometime this summer or fall, and shall certainly look you up if you are within reach.

I have been deeply interested in Dr. Zwemer's last splendid book "The Cross Above the Crescent." It is very well worth reading. Another book I have enjoyed very much is "Splendor of God," by Morrow. It is a great treat to be able to do much more reading than I have in the past. When one spends most of the time in the saddle in the rough regions and the mountains of Kurdistan, his thoughts and mind are too much engaged in other things to allow much reading. I realize more and more how very much I have lost in my past life in that line.

Please give my warmest love to Emma and all the members of the family. With deepest affection, I am always very happy to hear from you.

With love, *Fred Coan*

Coan, Fred

Shreve, Ohio
February 28, 1942

My very dear Rob,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of December 23, in reply to mine. You were then planning for quite a visit to be gone until late in March, so I want this to be there to welcome you home.

I agree with you that the world is passing through one of the darkest Christmas times, and the very darkest time that the world has ever seen. How sad that the war with Japan was so absolutely unlooked for, and which we certainly did not covet. I agree with you that our people in the Pacific must be very much humbled, and let us hope that some good may come out of all this suffering. As you remarked, how much falsehood, treachery, and barbarism, we find. That is a serious question you ask as to whether we ourselves are Christians, with so much drink and crime, cocktails, cigarettes, demoralizing movies, and harmful literature.

As I look at ~~the~~ present lack of spirituality in our churches, and the great carelessness in many other lines, I often think of a remark of Dr. Mott who said that there never was a greater need for a far higher type of Christian life and consecration than now. I have felt, and do so still, that nothing can save America but a great revival that shall bring our professing Christians up to a far higher standard of Christian living. There are so many so-called Christians who are living on such a low level of Christianity that they can say nothing to outsiders without being justly rebuked. It behooves us all to ask ourselves whether we are living on as high a level of Christianity as we should. Were we to speak to others, many might fairly rebuke us and tell us first to heed ourselves. ~~As~~ As I do not have your address, I am sending this to your home where I hope it will reach you. I shall be very happy to hear of your trip and hope it was not only enjoyable but most profitable. What a wonderful thing it is for you to be able to take such a blessing to others wherever you go. I never think of you without thanking God for the great blessing you carry with you wherever you go, and the influence you are able to exert.

I am glad to say that I continue very well, and I am happy in this little town, and am doing what little I can, although I wish it were far more, to help others. Dr. and Mrs. Ellis have given me a delightful home, and they thank you for your kind wishes, and have asked to be most kindly remembered to you both.

When you write again, I would be very happy to know something of your family and what the different members are doing. What is William

going to do, with his life? How old is he? Is your daughter, Margaret is it? not, still on the foreign field? What is the situation in Japan, now that we are at war with her, and how will it affect the missionary work there? It is certainly a very embarrassing situation.

I have been thinking a great deal these days about the happy years spent in Urumia and the result of their putting the missionaries all out. Is one able to get any direct word from any of our preachers there, or does it all have to come through visits made by Raby Saypon Khoobyar? Do you imagine the Persian government will ever allow the missionaries to live and work there again, or is that a closed chapter? Nothing in my life ever hurt me more than that driving of the missionaries out, for the heart of my life, about 50 years was spent there. How impossible it is for us to understand many of God's ways, but we do know that nothing happens, all His ordered and directed by one who is all wise, all powerful, and for our good. O how much faith we need, but it is faith in GOD, not man.

Had I told you that I have for some time been working on "THE WORLD APPEAL FOR CHRIST"? It is marvelous to see how God has in so many ways, rapid transit, the translation of His Word into so many languages, and other means increasing the knowledge of Christ in this world. And as He becomes better known there is a great appeal for Him. I don't want to repeat but did I ever tell you of the remarkable experience I had in India where I was advertised to speak to a large audience composed for the most part of Hindus and Mohammedans?

I was overwhelmed when I looked into the faces of over a thousand, and if ever I sent up a prayer it was then, that God give me a message for them, and He answered me.

I began by thanking them for coming out to hear me, and then went on to tell them how at home I left an Oriental speaking to orientals, and my message would deal with the greatest oriental who ever came into the world, who came not to any one class but the WHOLE World. How they listened for one hour and six minutes! When through a man rose, President of an Indian College. He thanked me in behalf of that whole crowd for the message, and then said "India needs the Christ. Will you give Him to us", He is all who can meet our needs! O what an appeal that! How are we going to answer him? I think that experience was the greatest of my life. Yes, tell the world Who He is, what He came for, and they will say "WE WANT HIM". America needs the Christ, as never before, are we giving Him to the great mass, who have not as yet met and known Him? The best and greatest way in which to give Him is IN OUR LIVES. What does the world see there? Are we showing Him, Are our ministers of the Gospel showing Him?

The thought of our Responsibility as well as privilege is tremendous, enough to sober any one. O that all who profess to follow Him, realized what it meant. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved".

Pardon me for taking so much of your time dear Rob, but I was hungry for a short chat with you. O how I love you and have loved you for many years. No one stands higher in my esteem or is more loved. How I have longed for your gifts, your spirit, and service!

I feel as if I was doing so little. Life is ebbing away rapidly. HOW CAN I DO MORE?

Pardon such a long letter, and please give my warm love to dear Emma and the rest of the family.

With the deepest affection and esteem. Always your devoted brother.

Fred J. Coan

The dear Ellises join me in much love

Just one word in God's name very near me these days and has given me with just one wish One ambition, to be FILLED with HIS SPIRIT, to a far higher degree than ever. I know.

Please pray that this desire be gratified and that He give me a far freeter faith Again pardon me for the length of this letter, but my heart is so full I just had to open it

F.G.C. (can-fred)

Shreve ,Ohio ,March 5th,1942

My very dear Rob.

I wrote to you recently in reply to your welcome letter of Feb.28 and must not burden you with too much correspondence, for I know how busy you are all the time. I will try to make this brief. Well I now have a second grand son who is in prison for a year and a day for not registering. I think the boys should have registered for that is a strict law, and then left the matter of conscription which is entirely separate to come later, for their reasons for not being willing to sign up as fighters might have been treated more leniently. I hope they have not done this simply to pose as heroes. Of course I respect the feelings of the boys who as Quakers are utterly opposed to taking life. War would not be so easy if there were more of that class.

There is little news here and as I have written very recently will have little to say in addition. The day is bright and beautiful & at this rate spring, will soon be here. and what a beautiful time of the year! strong argument for immortality. How can any one deny it and if denied what is there to look forward to? With it what a glorious future to all who prepare for it! As soon as ready I will send you a copy of my pamphlet on "The World appeal for a Christ". God has in a marvelous way been preparing the world for his coming. The whole world is looking for His appearance any time after the last of the 12 apostles, eleven having already come and fulfilled their mission.

I wonder whether you have any doubt as to our winning in this war, I feel sure we shall for our cause is a righteous and just cause. Oh how I would enjoy and profit by a good heart to heart talk with you dear Rob. I see no immediate prospect, but hope the opportunity may come. I do hope your stay in bed has helped you. Do try to take it more easily and not get too low down. *Elizabeth*

You were to go with Billy to see Fred at Danbury. I hope you found him well & contented, Billy was to return to Antioch. Thanks for the clipping re the matter. As you say we must take comfort and hope in the knowledge that the boys are in God's Hands and what better place to be? What better place to be?

That is wonderful that Arnold can read 1000 lines of Greek in a week and also studying Hebrew with the Jewish Prison Chaplain. It was raining and chilly when you wrote. Annette had a house party for some of her friends. I wonder whether Bill will follow the wishes of his boss and quit Antioch and stay on his job. As you a good tribute to his spirit and work.

With ever so much love to all of you I will close and improve the beautiful day by taking a walk. Much love to Ned and all the rest of the dear family affectionately - Father. All send love

F.G.C.

This sound as if Fred had either got the letters mixed, or his ideas! Or perhaps you were concealing from me the fact that you had taken some time in bed to rest!

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Coan, Fred

Shreve, Ohio
March 5, 1942

My dear Rob,

I do not think I have replied to your letter of February 11. You wrote that you were expecting to be gone until about March 1, attending several conferences and different Presbyterian groups. You certainly have a great deal of traveling to do, visiting Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. That ought to give you a lot of material that we would enjoy reading.

You speak of it as quite spring-like in the south. There are not many signs of that here yet, although rain has carried off all the late snow.

I am sorry to say that I have not had anything very recent from Persia, so hardly feel in touch with the work there. I am looking for word any time.

I am afraid the war situation is no brighter than when you wrote, and if anything, it is worse. How wonderful it will be when we have a more interesting and pleasant topic than the war. It is certainly depressing to have some feel that it may drag on for years. If the report of our ambassador to Russia is true, I wonder how it affects the Japanese to be told that they are to be blown out of the Pacific. As you say, that is quite a remark, and I wonder if he thinks we would really be able to do it.

What are your impressions from the news on the foreign field? Do you feel that it is encouraging? It seems to me, from what I can remember, that China is just now our most encouraging field. For when we consider its very large population, a general movement or inclination toward Christianity means a great deal. If true, is our church ready to make a great advance and a large increase in its missionary force to China? I have always felt sure that when there is a great movement forward, God will interest the church to meet it. I wonder if I am right. I have always felt sure that our unpreparedness prevents God from doing a great many things that he would do if we were ready to follow him. What is the use of opening fields where the people need the gospel, if the church is not ready to follow it up? It is very humiliating to know that now, nearly two thousand years since Christ came, the church has been so slow to obey the great command to go into the whole world and preach this gospel. It is appalling to realize the many millions who have been waiting and are waiting yet. When I hear people praying for open doors, I wonder whether the church would be ready to enter if God were ready to open them. How is the church

to be aroused and be made to improve the opportunities that would be given it?

I always felt years ago when active in the church, that God would use me in stirring up a great deal of interest, and for that very reason, it is very hard for me to be used as little as I am now. Of course, I realize that I could not keep up the constant, strenuous work that I did when I was a great deal younger. And yet I am certain that there are many more opportunities to speak than are offered me. I don't say it with any feeling of conceit or in the claim to be a very interesting speaker, but I do know from a great deal of past experience that people have always been interested in my message.

I remember a lawyer in Buffalo who usually stayed away if he heard that the missionary was going to speak. Someone who had heard me induced him to go with him and hear my message. At the close of the service he spoke of how deeply he had been interested, and how sorry he was to have been prejudiced against a missionary talk, and then said, "As a token of my regret and repentance I would like to give something for the work." He handed me a check for \$100, and also promised to keep up his interest.

What an extensive itinerary. I hope you are very much encouraged by the interest shown in your talks. I am glad to hear that your object is not so much for administrative and promotional purposes as to arouse a deeper spiritual and intellectual interest, as all of these are the foundations of a general interest.

I shall think of you as reaching home soon, and hope that you will find all well. In another letter I told you how glad I would be hear about your daughter who is a missionary, whether she is still on the field, and where.

Thank you very much for the kind wishes expressed in your letter. I know I have told you before how deep my love for you is, and what an inspiration and help your whole life has been to me. After your first visit to us in Persia, I was so impressed with the feeling of my own lack, that I shut myself up for ten days and told Ida I did not want any interruption. I realized after hearing you my great need of more spiritual power and a deeper spiritual life.

I spent those ten days in such a heart searching as I have never had before. I knew that you had something in which I was lacking, and that I could go on no longer until I learned the secret of your power. I don't know whether I have ever told you this before, but that was a turning point in my life. I cannot tell you how I often long for a heart to heart talk with you, and how often I wish that there were more here with whom I could have such communion.

I hope it is not asking too much of you to tell me something about your last trip and the impressions you received. Do you note any general growing interest in the great cause of foreign missions? I am

afraid a great deal of the lack of interest is due to the lack of information. How are we to lead the church people to a deeper study of the greatest cause of the greatest task on earth? That is the evangelization of the world.

Dr. Zwemer has very kindly sent me a copy of his splendid book "The Cross Above the Crescent." I wish everybody could read it. What a wonderful man he is. There is no doubt that no one living has such a profound knowledge of the whole problem of Islam. Considering that he has written over thirty books along that line it is no wonder. I feel very happy and proud in the friendship of such a man.

I often feel discouraged as I realize how little I am doing for the great cause that was so dear to me. I know you will pray for me that God will help me to make better use of my opportunities.

With a great deal of love for Emma and the rest of the family and deepest affection, I am

Affectionately, *Fred Loan*

Coan, Fred

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Shrewt, Ohio
March 21, 1942

My very dear Rob,

Although it is not very long since I wrote you, I have been thinking so much of you these days that I would like to have short chat with you. I would give a great deal to have the opportunity for a full talk with you on several things that have been of great interest lately.

I wish I could have attended some of the Lenten services where the churches had the great blessing of hearing you.

You had received my letter of March 5 which was kindly forwarded by Emma. As you remember, I am very comfortably and happily situated here with the dear Ellises.

You had returned from Florida after speaking Sunday at the Dedication of their beautiful Presbyterian Church at Port Lauderdale. I had a nice letter from Mrs. Funk from there. You were expecting to go to Miami where you will start an open-air Bible class. I am very glad you had a chance to meet my dear friend, John Keena. It is very good that he has taken such an active interest in the religious work, since he came to this country.

I am glad to hear of the good health of your children and grandchildren. Thank you for telling me something about them. I judge that you have as many grandchildren as I. I have fourteen. I am very sorry to hear that Margaret is interned with other missionaries in Peking. You say your son, William, is assistant head master of some school in Baltimore. I can't make out the name.

You hoped to be back home Monday, but said you were going right off again on Saturday. You are certainly kept very busy.

I am very sorry to say that the Richard family, she being my daughter, Elizabeth, are all in a great deal of trouble over their position as Quakers. Their son, Fred, has already been sent to the penitentiary, and it looks as if the other son, Bill, and the father will probably follow. This has been a very great trial to me, and yet I don't see how the government could release everyone that did not want to fight. What terrible complications this whole war has raised, to a nation of the unspeakable sufferers in many lines that it has involved. Only one word will cover war--Hell.

What do you think of the title of the book I am writing on--"The World Appeal for Christ"? I have nearly all the material for such a book. Undoubtedly, you have noticed the tremendous hold that Christ is gaining on China. When we consider its very large population, it would be impossible to measure the importance of this. When I think of that sentence, "The last shall be first and the first, last," I often wonder whether it refers to millions in this country who reject Christ, and included the great number abroad who are just beginning to realize that he is the only Savior of the world.

There are many things I would like to talk over with you, but will not take the time now. I am always very glad to hear from and the family, and I send them my deepest love.

With deepest affection,

Edna Boon

Ned made a great mistake by refusing to register.

Every one has to register, and then if he had told them of his position on conscription I have little doubt they would let him off.

Coan, Fred

Shreve, Ohio
September 10, 1942

My very dear Robert and Emma,

Had I written every time I have wanted to, you would have, I fear, been swamped with letters.

You have been so much in my mind and prayers these, to you, anxious days about dear Margaret; from whom you had not heard since Japan began the war. And to think she is now with you! (when you wrote expected her any time) Thank God. He has heard our many prayers. But how hard it has been for you dear ones. What a help and comfort prayer is when we feel so helpless! You have been called on to pass through some very hard times--you and dear Emma. Especially that terrible one about Elliot.

Frank took that very stiff course in French and has just finished it. Howard has written of what a great inspiration it was to hear you twice. O, that I, too, could have heard you!

We shall miss dear Aunt Mary Hale, 1732 Clifton Place, and how changed without her presence. What a strong character she was. I note how many are slipping out of the ranks and am reminded how frail and uncertain life is. Soon all we knew and loved will be gone, but we can rejoice in their joy above, and after all it will not be long before we meet them again.

I do wish Frank could get a job, and wonder whether there is any way you could help the dear man. He is too good a man to be idle; with his capacity and wide experience. What a fine man we lost in the going of Christie Wilson. Am I right, or was it some one else? My memory is not what it was, alas!

Howard had charge of a fine group of boys in Camp Marienfield, Chesha, N. H. They were a very well behaved lot. When I last heard, they had just climbed Mt. Monadnock, and saw a fine sunrise. Fortunately, the day was clear. He had been asked to give the address, "Our individual responsibility for building in ourselves the character which alone can bring the New World" wherein dwelleth righteousness, of which Peter spoke. "Uncle Shorty", as they call him and the Senior Masters, all spoke very highly of it. The boys said it was the best talk given this summer. I know you will not misunderstand the high tribute given by all which was never supposed to be passed on. Naturally, I am much pleased to have such words said.

Well, I am very comfortably fixed with the good Ellises, and the place is beautiful. I try to help a little by calling daily on some shut-ins, who would get nothing from the outside world any other way. What I very greatly miss is the presence of those with whom I have more in common. It is always an inspiration to call on such men as dear Dr. Bushnell, but as he lives in Wooster, that is not often.

I see it is nearly time for my appointments, so must close this short line that carries more love than can be expressed in words to you both; and again heart congratulations on the happy sight of your dear daughter and love to her

With deepest affection, *Fred Coan*

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Coan, Fred

Shreve Ohio Sep, 23rd, 42

My very dear Rob

It was very kind in you to write me so promptly after minutes you hope an early word will not lay too much of a burden on you, for I don't ask for a speedy reply knowing well how very busy you are. If you wish just take it as a GOOD MORNING. The day is a perfect one here, when if one could follow his own wish he would rather be out taking a good walk. I am glad to hear you and Emma are in such a beautiful place, with some chance for quiet and rest. It adds a great deal I know to have the dear children and some of their visitors there. I know you will find the change of some manual work, carpentering etc. a refreshing change. I was always very fond of carpentering, and my father, who was a good carpenter had good tools, and taught me a good deal, I passed it onto Howard who is unusually good in that line. I have no doubt he could easily build himself a house, if he had the chance. I found when in Persia it rested me a lot to run into the shop occasionally and see some of the things always I needed in the home and it took less time to do it than show a native how. In fact with their lack of tools there were many things they could not do. I helped the carpenters a good deal by sending to America for tools they needed. I kept up many of the repairs on the carriage and carried quite a stock of bolts etc for the other missionaries as well. Of course there were some Persian blacksmiths, but they had to be carefully supervised, especially when it came to putting new tires onto the wheels, where they are not accurate enough.

I can't tell you how sorry I am that I was wrong about dear Margaret and that she was still in Peking, with no certainty when there will be repatriation. I am very glad that you had seen the boys at the services where you spoke. They never miss the chance to hear "dear Uncle Rob" when they know you are to speak, and they as well as I wish I had the same privilege. God has given you dear Rob a great gift in that line, and you talk every where given have been a very great inspiration to the hearers. I shall never forget some I heard in Persia.

It has been a comfort to me to know how well my talks have been received in the churches. Especially "The Tragedy of the Near East" where as an eye witness to me much I gave they would naturally make a deep impression. It was after Dr. Paul Pearson who did so much for Relief had heard me, that he asked for my services, which the Board kindly gave. But pardon me, I imagine you have heard this all before. It did encourage me very much to be able to remove the prejudices some had, and to change their whole view of what we were doing.

I remember one man who said he had been induced to hear me, after handing a check for \$100.00 said, that is the first, but will not be the last contribution I shall make to that cause, I shall do all I can to make up for my past indifference."

O please don't take this as boasting dear Rob. All honor and praise belong to the Dear Father who has used me. Thank you for having dear Frank in mind.

You will be interested to hear some thing of dear Howard's change. "Last spring as there was nothing to be gained, and Poly was so shaky, as many of their best supporters and right kind of people were leaving Brooklyn or sending their sense elsewhere. The Trustees informed them that if any thing happened, they were to know that there was no agreement that guaranteed their retention. Poly still goes on with about the same attendance. Fortunately Howard heard through a friend-Janet that a French friend wanted to be released from Lawrenceville N.J. where he had begun teaching to take another job. So she wrote this friend to see whether he would be willing to suggest Howard's name for the place. So he wrote to this friend to see whether he would be willing to suggest Howard's name for the place. Result it he did make a very kind appeal to this friend, Pierre Boudet. It is a great relief to know that his work for next year is so well settled and that he is positive that he will get along well with his new associates. I am constantly reminded, that in his case as well as Frank's and in my own work, how much better God is to me than I deserve. If you go so far as to call us His Children, what more could He say? We can never be grateful to His dear Son Christ, who in the prayer that he taught the disciples at their own request, told us to call him, "Our Father, which art in Heaven". His definition as well as life that illustrated our relation to the Father, are infinitely above that held by the Mohammedan world. I think all His children feel much closer to God in prayer when they can call Him, "Our Father". It is past our understanding how the great and infinite God could adopt us into such a sacred relationship as to call us His children. A much more sacred relationship than when a human being adopts another one as a child. I have no doubt all of his followers would live a very much higher, more spiritual life if only they could always remember, "I am a child of God". Do I show it in my life?"

I hope to be able to go east this fall, and that we might possibly meet while I am there. When I do have that pleasure my great regret is that I can't see much more of you.

I have been much interested as well as helped, recently in reading your book Seeking the Mind of Christ. The world owes you a great deal in the rich contribution you have made to it in your writings. So that even after you are gone the countless who read it will have gained the inspiration that they give. I hope that you and dear Cousin Emma have heard from Margaret since you last wrote and that she will soon be with you again. She will have had some very interesting experiences, and I hope that it may be possible to hear some of them from her own lips. Please give her as well as all the family my warm love.

Affectionately,

Fred Coan

Fred Coan

(Coon) Frederick

Shreve, Ohio

November 12, 1942

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My very dear Robert,

I have a feeling I have answered your very very welcome letter of October 28th. I always look forward with great joy, as you write, as I know how very busy you are, and how busy you always will be.

You had been away three weeks at a conference or Retreats of the Presbyterian ministers and were expecting to leave soon for another series of conferences as far as Washington. You speak of two conferences in Ohio, one in Wilmington, and one in Leroy. How happy I would be, if only some of your trips would bring you to Shreve. I am afraid it is a vain wish, for it is a very small place.

I am quite amused that people have taken literally my story about Noah's Ark. I really believe the old deacon, had thought so much of it and I know he had made so many ~~trips~~ to Ararat, that he had finally come to believe he had seen it. He told me with all solemnity that it was only after the third attempt that he really saw it, and that his measurements confirmed exactly the Bible's account. To prove the effect of his story, I asked him to give his account of it in our college chapel in Urumia. The place was packed, and to this day, every one of them believed his story, so don't be surprised.

I too, heard from some source, that the Tehran people are very anxious to have us take back the school, and educational work, and call Dr. Jordan back.

I think you had better give that pussycat a few more lessons in penmanship. Thank you very much for your interest in Stuart, Howard, and Frank. We too have enjoyed a very nice autumn, but I always miss the beautiful foliage when it is gone.

I have recently had a very interesting letter from Persia. Cady Allen and Cousin Hulda (maybe you did not know she was a cousin of mine) made a recent visit to Urumia. How easily reached when it means only two hours by train and an hour or two by boat. The people there, were most delighted to see them. One would not expect to find things in such good shape, as if the missionaries were there. They went up to Sier, and visited that sacred place with all its many precious associations with the past, and read all the inscriptions on the tombs. They also had some water from that wonderful spring, and from the looks of our houses had that wonderful view of the orchards and vineyards, and the lake, and the three rivers flowing like silver threads across the plains. That view Thank God, is one that can never be destroyed, and I am glad to know that our churches are brave, and doing good work, even without the inspiration of the missionaries. They reported the church as growing, and doing very well. I felt very homesick after reading the letter. I shall always be grateful to God for having covered the whole field mountain, and plain, and that He used me in so many places. In Urumia and the surrounding plains of Salamis in the Tabriz field as far as Hamadan and Tamaran, through Kurdistan, and down the Tigris by raft, as far as Bagdad. I never realized that that would be my last chance there. The experiences will always stand out as precious memories.

What action do you think the board will take, to the proposition of the Tehran church, that we take our educational work back? I have always approved of keeping hold of it.

My daughter, Elizabeth, has kindly invited me to spend Christmas time with them. Do you suppose it will be possible to talk to you dear people at that time? It seems very long I have had that pleasure. It seems ages since I have seen you. I am reminded constantly of how many of our loved ones are dropping out, and how small the circle is growing. Had you heard that Miss Mary Hale, our long and faithful friend in Minneapolis is one who was recently called home?

(Coan) Frederick

I hope that you and dear Emma have kept well. What is Margaret doing now? And William? Remember your dear family is very dear to me, and I am interested in them all. I am much disappointed that Shreve has given me no opportunity to give them a message. Do you know anything of their pastor Mr. Spencer? If you ever happen to write him, you might tell him, I would be very happy to give them a message. In all my long experience, no one has been disappointed yet.

Give my very warm love, to Emma, and to all the other members of your family. I long to see you again.

With deepest affection,

Fred *Frederick*

Mr. S. L.

Coan, Fred

J.K.

Shreve, Ohio

January 26, 1943

My dear Rob,

I was very glad to receive your last letter, in which you spoke of your extensive plans, and the wide field which you are hoping to cover. I was amazed to see how much you are attempting, and wonder more and more, how you ever have the strength to do it. I am sorry I am unable to refer to your letter more fully, but it has been mislaid, but as soon as I find I will write you again. I've been wanting to ask you if it is true that Tehran wants to hand our college back to us again, and if so will the board not be glad to have it back. I also understand they are anxious to have Dr. Jordan in charge again. Personally, I would be very glad to see that college in our hands again, and feel sure that we can exercise a stronger religious influence over it. Now that it's in the hands of the Moslems, are we able to exercise any religious influence there? To be frank, I have never been enthusiastic over the foreign work on the field unless it was strongly religious. I can never endorse educational work without religion as a prominent factor. Let me here again urge you as one who loves you deeply not to attempt too much, for after all you are not as young as you were, and we can't afford at this time to have you break down and lose your inestimable services. I will not write more now until I find your letter, so I can do it more justice. My warm love to every member of your family.

Affectionately,

Fred G. Coan

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Shreve, Ohio
February 9, 1943

My very dear Reb,

Thank you very much for your welcome note of February 6th. Emma had forwarded you my letter and you had been away a month. You say you will not be home until the seventeenth. You are very glad that you can have such good meetings every day but Saturday. I am glad to hear that the people are cordial and responsive. Your speaking of colleges and clubs reminds me of when I spoke to many clubs and colleges and I always met with a hearty response. I am very glad to know that all these organizations are so responsive--I always found them that way.

I see you are having spring like weather, with the windows wide open. It must be quite warm, if you are writing in your shirt sleeves, and the fans are going.

You mention something about my books, and the fact that after the war, people are going out to see the ark themselves.

You say that Emma writes they are having plenty of snow and ice at Lakeville e. We had a little snow over the weekend.

I get very few orders for my books now, and I should be very much disappointed in them if the interest all drops off.

I presume Emma will be only too glad to see the snow and ice go. I find I am always ready for spring when it comes.

Pardon such a short line, but there seems to be no news now.

Affectionately yours,

Referring to what I said about the ark, I presume you have heard you have heard long since that the whole story about the ark is just a hoax. No one has ever seen it since the days of Noah.

Fred Boon

Coan, Fred

Shreve, Ohio
March 2, 1943

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My dear Rob,

My heart calls so for a short chat with you today, so I am sending you this short note answers some questions. I had something the other day, I could hardly believe, so I am writing for information. It was that our people in Urumia have given that Seir property which we had used as a summer home for many years, away. I remember how I succeeded years ago, in interesting Mrs. Mary Thaw to put in a lot of money, making great improvements in the place. It was practically rebuilt, and would accomodate four families at one time. Although the Urumia station is closed by the government, we never know what would happen in the future--and so I don't believe this report. That place has been a great life saver in the past, with its splendid air and water 3000 feet above the level of the plain, it has been an ideal summering place and we know that many of our children would not be living today, were it not that they could go there during the hot months. If this is true, where would the Assyrians get the authority to dispose of such a property? As said, Mrs. Thaw took a great interest in it. We can always see a marked change and improvement in the children after they have been there for a week or two, away from the dirty city. Does anyone from there ever write you? I am very sorry to be out of touch with a place that has had so many precious associations and memories. I presume that as usual, you are very busy, and speaking in many places. That is a thing I miss very, very much. Giving the message and the appeal for that place which has many precious memories. I hope Emma, you and the rest of the family all keep well, and would be very glad to hear from you. Our winter has been passing quickly, and with some exceptions, we cannot complain of it being very severe. Just now it looks very white and wintry. I hope you remember how very happy I always am to hear from you and the rest of the family. Please give them my very warmest love. I shall be very happy to see you again, for I have missed you very much. With the deepest affection.

Always your loving brother,

Dr. Speer.

*Uncle Fred's mind is failing.
This letter hardly needs a formal reply.
But he does appreciate the attention of
his friends in even brief notes.*

Fred Coan

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WOODHULL HOUSE
LAWRENCEVILLE, NEW JERSEY

1 April, 1943

Dear Aunt Emma and Uncle Rob,

As you may per-
haps have seen in the Times and Tribune,
Father died on the 23rd of March, just two
months short of his 84th birthday. Ten
days before, his high blood pressure, causing
anemia of the brain, had made him nearly fall,
and he had some dizzy spells in the following days
tho't he was up and about and out for walks.
On the Tuesday morning he felt unusually well,
ate a hearty breakfast, but was persuaded
to delay his walk as Jessie Ellis had no
one there to go with him. Instead he lay down
for nap. His snoring, which she could hear
in the kitchen adjoining sounded a little
more labored; suddenly it ceased, and
when she went in, only a bare flutter of the pulse
separated him from eternal rest. His going

was as he would have had it, completely peaceful, in his sleep, before invalidism overtook him. For all of that we can praise the Lord and bless His mercy.

For me, because I am alone whereas the others have their families, it has been particularly hard and I shall sorely miss his love which had seemed the greater after Mother's going left us only each other, really.

Fortunately, as the telegram caught me, by sheer chance, at my old apartment in New York (where Frank and Ellen now live as her husband has been in D. Africa since December) at four o'clock Tuesday and, because it was our spring holiday, I was able to take the 6:45 train out, arriving at Worcester at 7:46 next morning.

Father wanted cremation, but as Cleveland was the nearest place, I arranged to have the body go that Wednesday or that only the ashes now present for the Memorial Service, beautifully conducted by the Worcester College pastor in the College Chapel. Frank, Elizabeth and Ned came that Saturday morning; Katherine felt the journey

too long and travel too difficult these days to make the trip from Denver.

As you probably have some connection, such as Bob, with the Presbyterian, I wonder whether you would possibly have time to write something about Father for it? I know there is no one in the world whom he would feel more honored to have write about him, and as secretary of the Board during most of his service, it would seem very fitting.

I am very much ashamed not to have referred - except in my Christmas card - to your notes of last summer, about the card boards, Father's book, and camp. I hope you'll forgive me, for camp was very exacting, never a minute off (by schedule) though I did take four hours over for dinner with a cousin, even though very interesting and worth doing, I think. From that, with all my efforts at getting into service futile, I suddenly had a position here turn up and got my release from Poly so as to accept just two days before I was due for the opening of school.

It is hard being confined in a boarding school - just only three evenings a week - with the gasoline rationing - making it specially hard even to get away. I have gained the infinite satisfaction of me more being able to teach with integrity, and my relationship with boys in classes and in the House is entirely ex-
traordinary. Yet, in confidence, to you, I'm not very happy. Release seemed certain in the form of useful service in uniform; but, the very day Father died, a Washington directive wiped out the whole business, so I'm still out on the side lines.

Father's O.W.I. section also seems to be dissolving and he is in Washington now to see if they can use him in another department or, if not, what else he can get.

I do hope you've all been well, and that even Jim Robert and Hattie comes through and is good. Ned Dodd, whom I asked, seemed to feel that indirectly you knew she was alright. Both at Christmas and this spring I'd hoped I might have a chance to come visit you - the former time went happily seeing Father whom I visited & Elizabeth and delayed that; if the spring holiday, I've told you.
Much love to you both, Howard

October 13th 1940

Cobb, Helen M.

1103 Maryland Street, Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Mr. Speer -

Bob was so happy in your note which was received yesterday. He wants me to tell you that he "loves and admires you" indeed I do not believe there is anyone whom he loves more -

He is suffering frequent and very painful heart attacks. The doctors tell us that he cannot stand such pain long but -

no one can tell how even "rest" may come
He is ready - yes long & go home - leav-
ing me alone tonight only anxiety - God
is good & we are thankful for the many
thoughtful & loving friends that are ours -

Thanking you for your letter both for
him & for myself I am yours affectionately
Eileen W. Cross.

Cobb, Helen

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October 21st 1940

1103 Wavy Street,

Elizabeth - W. J.

My dear Mr. Spicer -

I cannot express how grateful I am to you for your prayer at the Service on Friday afternoon. It was a great help and uplift to me -

I thank you too, for being willing to make the time and effort to come so far to fulfil Abri's desire & have you take that part in the Service.

We loved and esteemed you beyond others and rejoiced to be numbered among your friends.

Please know that I appreciate deeply all you did for him & for me

Gratefully & affectionately

Yours truly

Helen W. Cobb

(Mrs. C. B.)

Coffin, Henry Sloane

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August 18, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It seems to us important that support should be given in educational and religious circles to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration of peace aims. We are accordingly inviting the other members of the Sponsoring Committee of CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS to join with us in the enclosed statement with a view to its publication. If you will authorize the use of your signature, please telegraph your reply to Dr. Henry S. Coffin, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Faithfully yours,

Howard Chandler Robbins
Reinhold Niebuhr
Henry Sloane Coffin

for K.D.T.

The undersigned heartily welcome the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration and find in it a long desired statement of peace aims by the responsible leaders of the democratic world. It calls for a new ordering of national and international relationships which is, unlike the plans for Hitler's "new order," congenial to the Christian conscience and compatible with Christian ideals.

We agree that the destruction of Nazi tyranny is a prerequisite to any just and durable peace. But we are also convinced that the defeat of Nazism will not of itself create a new world. Peace is a positive achievement and rests upon a harmony of cooperating wills. Such a harmony requires an organization, world wide in scope, as its instrument. We therefore warmly welcome the hope of a peace so conceived, and so maintained, expressed in the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration. We believe that if a future peace is to be truly just and durable it must afford victors and vanquished alike the right to self government, the opportunity to collaborate in the economic and political reorganization of Europe and the world and ultimately the chance to participate fully in a wider system of general and permanent security. We should like to remind the democratic governments that the freedom of worship is no less essential than the freedom from want and fear as a basic standard of freedom.

We believe that the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration has served to give the cause which engages the sympathies and loyalties of the democratic peoples a more positive content and will lay the foundation for that common effort by which alone we can emerge from the crisis which confronts the whole of Christendom into a new and better world.

As Americans we welcome and approve the sense of American responsibility for both the victory over tyranny which must end the war and the quality of the peace which must follow the victory, which the President's signature to the declaration implies.

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Coit, J.K.

n.d.

Town in Georgia under the Nantahalas.

Dear Dr. Spear:-

Mrs. Coit and I are out on a Christmas tour among the big mountains where we have spent the past thirty two years of our lives. While she is telling The Story to a room full of little folks, my eye has fallen upon notes I made of your sermon last summer on the basis of Paul's belief in the Resurrection - or rather Divinity of Christ - based upon the fact of the Resurrection. Our son, Jolubus, Jr. was with me to hear you, and now he is near you - up at Great Barrington, Mass (Ing End Farm). He wants to thank you for your interest expressed in telling a friend of yours of him. The boy is rather shy at first and is inclined to appear not interested. He is in deep need just now of spiritual counsel. He is writing of feeling like a "lost child" - "no ambition or interest in anything" - "can't see anything in the future" - He has failed during his four years at Maryville College to make his foundation as broad as it should have been - He is suffering from that mistake, and is now unconsciously trying to sidestep.

the consequences. His one and almost sole interest has been to fit himself to teach - Philosophy and Bible to college men. He is just now getting his eyes opened to the magnitude of the job. and is in serious danger of "turning tail" and running away. Things have always been made pretty easy for him. - He says he is lazy and don't know how to work at anything and because he has no irresistible impulse to do things he really is not interested in anything that calls for exertion of any kind - Physically he has always very soft and flabby - never would engage in sports of any kind - I wish some word from you could be used to do for him. what you did for me when I was his age, (now 24) - How I do remember

"For life is not as idle ore -

But iron dug from central gloom - etc.

Pardon me, Dr. Spur. but we can but believe it Providential that our only child is so near to you for a time - We are praying - He will show the way -

Faithfully yours J.A. Coit

Coit, J.K.

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Montreat, North Carolina
January 29, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It is hard for me to realize that I ^{have} just returned from a two weeks stay with our son, John Knox, Jr., at Jug End Barn near Great Barrington and so near to you. Some of your neighbors were over one day and said you were in the South. I did not learn where. I imagine you are on the go.

This morning in Montreat the thermometer was ten below zero and a much heavier snow than I saw in Massachusetts is over the world.

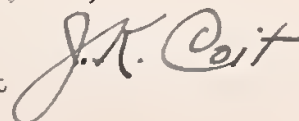
My only brother's only son, Robert Thornwell, Jr., was spending three weeks with the Riggs Foundation at Stockbridge. I had it very much in my heart for these two boys, twenty-four and twenty-six years of age, to give you a chance to answer one or two of their questions as you did for me in my early struggles. My nephew has been taken to another institution. John Knox will possibly be leaving the Barn early in March.

Will you pardon me if what I now want to say seems presumptuous or beside the mark. I realize that it may not apply at all but still I find myself wanting to give you a bit of my own experience. A friend has just spoken to me of having heard you speak recently. You were interrupted by what seemed to be an attack of dizziness.

Beginning about seven or eight years ago I began to have little spells of dizziness. I paid no attention for some time thinking they came from some stomach trouble. The time came, however, when they increased in severity so much so that in driving I was obliged to pull off to the side of the road and wait sometimes fifteen or twenty minutes before I felt safe in driving on. These attacks would sometimes wake me up in the middle of the night. About two years ago I went to Dr. Edgar Paullin of Atlanta for a thorough diagnosis. He spent three days on me and prescribed thyroid tablets, one at each meal. I said, "What is this going to do for me, Doctor?" He replied, "At your age all of us experience a slowing up of heart action. You have a good strong heart. You certainly need not die of heart disease this side of the one hundred year mark, but it is just like the spark plug in an automobile. Your heart needs a little pepping up." No more dizzy spells from that day until the present moment. I feel as though I had been set into a great open space of a new liberty. The fear of being interrupted by a dizzy spell hasn't even entered my mind in more than two years. Again let me beg that you will overlook my enthusiasm in case the above has no application.

Sincerely yours,

J. K. Coit



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Coit, Knox

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March 19, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Biblical Seminary has entered upon the second semester of this year's work with one of the largest student bodies in many years and with a splendid academic program. For the past three years we have come progressively closer to a balanced budget.

Past indebtedness, however, has diverted much of our current income and the situation of our mortgage has become acute. In an effort to help us solve the problem the Bank has offered to cancel \$70,000 of the principal upon payment of a like sum by the Seminary. The faculty, for their part, have initiated a move to cancel all back indebtedness of the Seminary to them which involves some \$122,000. Of this sum approximately \$72,000 has already been offered in outright cancellation upon certain conditions.

It is our belief that if we can secure \$116,000 in cash, we shall be able through cancellations of back indebtedness, to reduce our liabilities from \$654,000 to \$336,000. Of this amount \$280,000 will be in a new amortized mortgage which we are confident can be carried.

The faculty, by their willingness to forego the large amount of money owed them by the Seminary, have taken the lead in this movement. The Bank has indicated definitely that we have only until June 30th to pay back mortgage interest and make a substantial payment on the principal. The future of the Seminary will be decided within the next three months. A definite plan has been worked out which we are trying to put into operation.

It is our feeling that because of your interest in the Seminary, you might be willing to let us talk over this plan with you, get your suggestions, and perhaps your endorsement in our approach to certain individuals who might help us solve this problem.

If you are to be in New York within the next few weeks and could give us a few minutes of your time, we would greatly appreciate it. If not, one of the members of our faculty, or possibly I myself, might come up to Lakeville for a short visit with you there.

Will you please extend my greetings to Mrs. Speer? I always recall with pleasure the afternoon I spent with her during the winter I was at Great Barrington.

Very sincerely yours,

Knox Coit

Secretary to Dr. Martin.

Coit, Knox

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March 24, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter of March 19th, and for your suggestions. Dr. Mott has been and is vitally interested in the solution of our problems, and has given as freely of his time as his duties would permit. Mr. Mack also, as Chairman of our Board, is rendering invaluable service.

It has occurred to me that you might be able to say a word for Biblical Seminary to Mrs. Horace Coleman, or to her secretary, Miss Eleanor Klemm. Our field worker and student, Miss Dena Bredow, and I had a very lovely visit with Miss Klemm at her office at 1521 Packard Building, Philadelphia, about two weeks ago. She indicated that Mrs. Coloman's commitments were rather heavy and that she probably would not be able to add to them. However, she seemed quite interested in the work of Biblical Seminary, particularly in its missionary outreach. She was also very much interested in your endorsement of the Seminary which, as you know, has appeared from time to time in our literature. Your word of commendation seemed to carry great weight with her.

I do not know that you would feel able to write Miss Klemm on our behalf, but if you should feel able to do this, I am sure that it would go a long way toward influencing Mrs. Coleman to contribute to the work of the Seminary. In talking with Miss Klemm we did not discuss the present effort of the Seminary to secure \$116,000 with which to match cancellations by June 15th. If you think it would be wise to mention this, please feel free to do so. We are anxious that you become better acquainted with this plan, and I am enclosing a tentative copy which we are using in our initial approaches. It is all or none, now or never, with The Biblical Seminary, and we are determined that it shall be all, now.

Very sincerely yours,

Knox Coit

Secretary to Dr. Martin.

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My dear Friend:

Total Blackouts seem to be the order of the day.

The Biblical Seminary building has been organized and equipped so that in two minutes every light can be extinguished and a Blackout effected.

The Bank that holds the mortgage on the building announces a Blackout for us on June 30th by means of Foreclosure.

We declare our patriotism, but the latter Blackout would be the end of an institution essential in the life of our nation and the Kingdom of God.

I

Since January a Committee on Strategy has been active in preparing plans. The Board of Trustees at its February meeting endorsed plans to meet the proposition of the Bank and establish our school.

II

The faculty has taken the initiative and presented a challenge by agreeing to cancel all monies owed them on back salaries on condition that \$116,000 has been pledged and announced by the Board of Trustees by June 15, 1942. When this is announced the present faculty members, cooperating with former members of the faculty and staff, propose to black out \$110,000 of the \$114,000 due them.

III

The Bank holding the mortgage in the amount of \$420,000 has agreed to write down \$70,000 of the face of the mortgage, provided we pay \$70,000, and thus reduce the mortgage to \$280,000. First, we must pay past due interest in the amount of approximately \$19,000 due June 30, 1942.

IV

The accomplishment of this goal will make it possible to discharge \$3 in obligations with \$1 in cash. This plan also provides for the removal of the operating deficit for the year 1941-42 and opens the way for the amortization of the remainder of the mortgage principal at a rate considerably less per annum than is at present being paid in mortgage interest.

V

There are several encouraging accomplishments:

1. Not only have we been on a pay as you go basis with tradesmen since January 1, 1941, but during this period have reduced outstanding indebtedness to trade creditors from \$23,325.40 to \$16,884.

2. Contributions for nine months of this school year compared to the same period last year show double the number of contributors and an increase of income by \$4,081.00.

3. During the past year liabilities in the amount of \$70,000 have been written off.

4. The student body has remained at almost the same level as last year. One hundred forty-five students have been enrolled during the current year.

5. Rooms allocated for guests have been well filled. The income approximates \$2,000 a month.

Herewith are the plans covering this whole situation: Plan No. I concerns immediate needs. Plan No. II concerns future needs.

Very sincerely yours,

Horace Ford Martin,
President.

HFM:kc
Incl's.

There may be slight revisions
in these figures before they are
officially circulated.

PLEDGE TO THE BIBLICAL SEMINARY IN NEW YORK
235 East 49th Street, New York City

For and in consideration of the gifts of others and the work of The Biblical Seminary in New York, I hereby pledge the sum of \$ _____ on condition that the entire goal of \$116,000 in Pledgee toward the Reduction of Liabilities and the Stabilization of this work is pledged by June 15, 1942.

If the entire amount of the goal in Pledges is not reached by June 15, 1942, my obligation under this Pledge is thereby understood to be cancelled.

If the above goal is attained, I agree to pay:

On June 17, 1942: \$ _____; Sept. 15, 1942: \$ _____;
Dec. 1, 1942: \$ _____.

(The Seminary specifically requests that no payment be made on this Pledge before the goal in Pledges is attained and officially announced by its Board of Trustees. In order that the Seminary may make payment on the Mortgage Principal and thus reduce future interest charges, payment of this Pledge at the earliest possible date will be appreciated.)

Date _____ Signed _____

Address _____

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Date _____ Signed _____

Address _____

Tentative

IT WILL NOT HAPPEN TO THE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

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WE - - - - ALL

GO

ALL OUT - For WHAT?

To Maintain Its Work

HOW? See Inside

PLAN NO. I - For Immediate Needs

PLAN NO. II - For Future Needs

PLAN NO. I

FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

I. THE OBJECTIVE

- A. To safeguard against foreclosure on June 30, 1942
- B. To Reduce Liabilities from \$654,500 to \$502,000 plus Annuity Funds
- C. To balance the Current Budget
- D. To Open the Way to PLAN NO. II FOR FUTURE NEEDS

II. THE METHOD

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Progress to Date</u>
A. Cancellation of Back Salary by Former & Present Faculty & Staff	\$110,000.00	_____
B. Conditional Cancellation by Mortgage Holder	70,000.00	\$70,000.00
C. Expected Cancellation by Other Creditors	39,000.00	_____
D. Cash Gifts Necessary to Secure above Cancellations and Balance Current	Budget 116,000.00	_____
TOTAL	<u>\$335,000.00</u>	_____

III. THE MERITS OF THE PLAN

- A. It makes every gift significant. A pledge of \$ 1.00 assures the Seminary of nearly \$ 3.00
\$ 100.00 assures the Seminary of nearly \$ 300.00
\$1,000.00 Assures the Seminary of nearly \$3,000.00
- B. It safeguards every gift. NO PLEDGE IS TO BE PAID UNTIL THE TOTAL GOAL OF \$116,000 IS PLEDGED. It thus assures the giver that others are to do their share.
- C. It is simple and economical because it is cooperative. It is not employing any commercial firm or special leadership. It originated with local forces and is developing its own leadership from Trustees, Alumni, Faculty, Students and Friends. It invites your cooperation. It is ~~WE~~ -- ALL.
- D. It is a constructive plan. It provides not only for present needs but for the future.

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THIS EFFORT INVOLVES FOR ALL WHO PARTICIPATE: PRAYER, WORK, SACRIFICE

Dr. John R. Mott, under date of January 27, 1942, wrote a friend concerning The Biblical Seminary:

"I am constrained ... in view of my personal investigation of the affairs of the Seminary and of its prospects, to express to you my strong conviction that this invaluable institution is at a fork in the roads, that is, at a real crisis and that it would be nothing short of a calamity to the causes which you and I have most at heart to have such a disaster. If you can work out a plan by which you could make a really challenging conditional gift at this critical juncture, it would, in my thinking, be a gift of highly multiplying power."

SEND US YOUR CONDITIONAL PLEDGE AND SECURE CONDITIONAL PLEDGES FROM OTHERS.

Remember that TIME is important - JUNE 15 is our goal; JUNE 30 is the deadline for foreclosure. Let it not be too little too late!

PLAN NUMBER II
FOR FUTURE NEEDS

I THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JUNE 1, 1942 to MAY 31, 1943.

<u>A. Expense</u>	<u>1940-41</u>	<u>1941-42*</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>1942-43</u>
1. School	\$ 26,258	\$ 25,228	\$ 24,568
2. Rooms	19,116	19,116	22,365
3. Restaurant	17,679	20,607	20,700
4. Admin. & General Expense (Excluding Mortgage Int.)	43,111	40,142	55,475
5. Amortized Mortgage	12,600
6. Interest on Mortgage & Notes	15,810	12,875
	\$121,974	\$117,966	\$115,728

* Actual to Feb. 26, 1942; Estimated to May 31, 1942.

B. Income

1. School	\$ 13,992	13,992	11,250
2. Rooms	36,574	28,698	42,298
3. Restaurant	17,735	17,735	17,900
4. General Contributions	36,025	31,041	39,767**
5. Alumni Contributions	3,500*	4,000	4,000
6. Miscellaneous	312	456	535
	\$114,398	\$103,922	\$116,750

II LIQUIDATION OF LIABILITIES REMAINING FROM PLAN NO. I

A. Annuity Funds, Principal Self-Liquidating	\$ 34,600
B. Mortgage Amortized at \$12,600 per year for 17 yrs.	280,000
C. Settlement of Notes & Estates	28,000

III PLANS FOR INCREASING INCOME DURING YEAR 1942-43

\$ 12,600

A. From Rooms - based on 12 additional tenants	3,600
B. From Contributions & special gifts	2,000
C. Living Endowment Pledges (See Living Endowment)	3,000
D. Alumni in addition to Living Endowment	1,000
E. Special Gifts (Scholarships, memorials, missionary, rooms, etc.)	2,500
F. Benevolence Budgets of Churches	500
G. Special gifts, not estimated--Legacies, Purpose Pledges, etc.

** Increase included in III B - C.

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Dr. John Sutherland Egnell, Pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, on March 23, 1942, said of The Biblical Seminary: "This institution, dedicated to the Word of God and its propagation, is making a significant contribution to the building of national character...and to the maintenance of national morale. We need now and shall need all such institutions more than ever before."

Cole, Edna S. 2217 Jules St. St. Joseph, Mo.

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Jan. 1. 1941 - (Her 86th Birthday)

My dear Mrs. Dunlap:-

This has been a most
full, glad, memorable day - how
can I tell you about it!

Just three weeks ago - some
kind of sickness came along
suddenly and took all my strength
This is the first sickness I have
had since my home coming
from Siam, more than fifteen
years ago - and that surely is
much for which to be grateful, to
the Giver of Life and Health - I am
truly humbly grateful. I have
had the best of loving care and
am improving in strength every
day. Then too I have had
company all the time - Two of
my Pattana girls have been
with me. They have had a grand
time cooking their own Siamese
food - caring for themselves when
some friend has not invited them

to ride - or to her home to help
entertain friends - everyone has
been most generous and considerate
of them - none so perhaps than if
I had been well - Kwa was a pupil
in Wang Lang - she is now getting
her last college year - hoping to
receive her B. S. in June, then
return to work in Hattoma. The
other the daughter of a rich Chinaman
in Ching mai - day pupil of Helen
Mrs. Clure & two weeks in Hattoma -
She is here in University of Minnesota.
Then here for a day & night came
Helen Mrs. Clure - a lovely visit all
in all and with all but I have not
been able than sit around & visit - My
companions has done all the work -
Helen is very fine she and Kwa left
one yesterday & Kwa returns to her school
Sunday morning. I am getting better
every day.

I want to meet & show you the really
wonderful book the Siam girls made
for me - there are over one hundred
names - letters of greeting - pictures of
husbands and children and bits of
memory all woven together in one

wonderful book - All that Siam gave
into my life of many failures and
mistakes - but in this book are the
lovely things of the years only. Very
precious to me is this gathering of
the years.

Thank you dear friend for
your letters and Birthday greetings
All in all it was a wonderful day.
I shall now have many letters to
write - So will you beloved friend
share this with Mrs. Haalter - I
hope to write her soon as I can but
it may be several or many days.

I hope you have had a happy
Christmas with strength enough to
enjoy every moment. Has Herbert
and family been with you? Are you
had the best news from Ralph and
family. Although you may be lonely
as you think of your dear Sister, surely
you are blessed with thoughts of peace
and fullness of joy for her in the
"Home prepared". Death is ever a friend
I think, never an enemy.

Dear friend I must not write more
to day for soon a friend is coming in
to call & I must be ready for her -
Your friend for many years
Edna S. Cole.

Miss Cole.

New Year letter

Summary: Love to all the
Speers from Helen W.

PS. He regretted ^{THE} Warwick Coleman
had to go to ^{West 4th St.} the middle of
reading "Pilgrims Way" ^{or rather}
wished he could have taken it with him

Sunday evening

Sept. 6.

Dear Mr. Speer:

It was good to

hear you at First Church
again this morning, -

- (Pity for years of listening
for me, and all the stories were
new! - the Old Norway

is always new too -

4 First yr like men, best story!

- I was listening for

Mr. Babcock's Hill School

3/ was just lovely to see & hear Jim again
 ("It came to Joans", in the best sense)
 and also it was lovely to have
 Patsy at Camp and the children.
 I know that Joan is "still sticking
 up for" her favourite Psalm,
 as she told us ^{reliantly} and Jim
 giving us gifts to ^{they take the old} ~~everybody~~ ^{tradition} "all 3".
 It is in transit from ^{weather}
 Queen School, Air Force, Charlotte
 Field, N.C. — to some new work
 that he passed the exams this past week.
 He thought ^{probably} it would
 still be in this country. The papers
 report a great number of ^{young} grown
 crops men going to the British
 Air fields. John is having his
 Basic training at Fort Belvoir,
 Va. with an engineering corps
 tho his work will be in some branch
 of the Intelligence Service apparently
 after two more weeks. They are
 shortening the Basic training
 from 12 weeks to four — I am
 en route from Camp & Kerckhoffson
 by permission of a silent Sgt
 S. Murray here — I have had
 nice visits with Catherine & Agnes

After Jim's departure I had in my mind to go to the States in order to see the family in New York. I have been thinking of going to the States in order to see the family in New York. I have been thinking of going to the States in order to see the family in New York.

2/ Long words
Could enclose proof, - but the
program is out dated, so
I will send it to King.

I can't tell you how approp-
riate & helpful it was to me
- & obviously, I couldn't
walk up the aisle, after
such a talk, - and say
"Excuse me, I can't shake hands
on account of my arthritis!"
But I do hope you can read
my sincere, (tho a little more
than-usually laborious and
illegible) thanks. Anyhow

ending:

(I trust others who may
reply are more favorably known
for legitimacy) with love

NONKANAHWA
KERHONKSON, N. Y.

to see the

Speers
Oct. 20

Helen
Coleman

Telephones:
ELLENVILLE . . . 118
KERHONKSON . . 100

Dear Mr. Speer:

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I am glad

you told me about this
fund, (S. Irving's
jump). It must
indeed be hard, in such

a world, for ministers
not to "go stale" and feel
inadequate unless
their strength is "renewed"
(judging by the rest of us).

I am enclosing a check
which looks small for

do so — in the routine way — but it is splendid to know that
we are meeting with them growth of young men who for such
responsibility. We have an at all times in the great
work in numbers of them. I have seen
men into congestion of the lungs by
the next morning and he delayed there
and again here). It is amazing how
many wonderful people there are
the world going right on working
whom one would love to have the
privilege of helping, if only ability
would keep up with wanting to.

I am not sure if this is the
Mr. George Irving who used to
be in charge of the magazine "Mission-
ary Review of the World", who married
a sister of Mrs. W. G. King, the
C. M. — and whom I knew, ^{very helpfully,} when the

King was in Germantown —
So I will ask you to forward the
check, (if it is made out correctly
enough), without writing to them
direct. Do not trouble to a check help
I guess. (He or his ^{secretary or} committee will probably

Such a purpose but is
all I can availably
pursue, — (especially as
I have got somewhat stuck
here trying to get some fancy
dentistry done at Kingston
in order not to take it
out on "Hig" at home, —
and don't know just how far
my finances have tumbled
down hill, since I last
saw them in July in
Phil delphia. Even
~~these~~ accounts, books & I
led at Camp, ~~was~~ packed
for home on Labor Day
— not knowing I would

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(Coleman) Hig



ARMY AIR FORCE METEOROLOGY SCHOOL
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

Section 5a,

Apr. 18.

Dear Dr. Spear,

It was impossible for me to get off duty when you were in New Mexico. I was too far away.

Your trips to the ministers appeals to me more and more as ~~an~~ extremely useful and profitable undertakings. Especially so nowadays.

You would do me a favor if you would write and tell me how much money you could use. I'm not implying that I can supply it all, but I do have in my mind giving you more help than I have in the past, and I would like to get some idea of proportions.

~~In answering~~ There is just

one item I would like to mention for your consideration. I wonder how good it is to make it too easy for ministers to get to the meetings, i.e. finance their transportation. Some of that may be necessary, I grant, but the less the better, I feel, both for our finances and also for the ministers themselves.

I hesitate to give you, sir, my opinions, realizing my inexperience, but since I'm in on the deal, as we say in the Army, I guess there's no harm in saying what I feel.

Give my love to Mrs. Speer. I trust all is well with you both. I bet you'll have an interesting garden.

Affectionately yours,

Hq.

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Horace C. Coleman, Jr. - 1326 De Kalb Street - Norristown, Pennsylvania

Mar. 28.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Your preaching tour, meeting with ministers, is a grand idea.

I should like to contribute towards expenses of said tour \$250, a check for which amount I have enclosed.

If the expenses have already been met and if you are contemplating another such tour, by all means use the money towards that.

And by "expenses" I surely ~~mean~~ ^{include} anything which will provide for your personal comfort in travelling.

I had a good, tho brief, chat with Mrs. Speer in Holly's apartment in N. Y. three days ago. It was very good to see her again.

And by the way, we are definitely planning, barring emergencies, to open Camp this season (probably July 25 - Labor Day), and as I have written you before, if you and Mrs. Speer could manage it, even if only for a week, Mother and I would be only too delighted to have you as our guests. I know you are busy, but, however that may be, the invitation is open and we are still hopeful.

Remember me to Mrs. Speer.

Sincerely yours,
Hig.

Coleman, "Hiq"

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ARMY AIR FORCE METEOROLOGY SCHOOL
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

May 22, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer,

Thank you for your recent letter, which was very helpful. I've thought the matter over. I'm not in a position to contribute quite so much as the sum discussed in your letter, because this is my own money and not the family trusts, which are already pretty heavily committed. I am sending this letter via Miss Klemm, 1521 Packard Bldg, Phila., Pa, who holds my power of attorney so that she may enclose in it a check for \$1500.00, payable to the ^{Presbyterian} Board of National Missions (Klemmy, please check to see if that is the proper corporate title). We make it so payable to get credit for income tax reductions.

Presbyterian
Board of
Christian
Education.

It is soley for your seminars,
and she will either so stipulate on
the face of the check or you can
enclose this letter ~~to~~ when you
send the check to the Board.

I'm sorry to bother you by
asking you to tend to these
details, but frankly I'd rather
do it thru you. It is because
you are at these seminars that
I'm interested in them.

I definitely do not want to
be committed to any salary or
share in a project. I give, Dr. Spear,
when I have the money, and I
don't always have it. I know
the other method is good, but I'm
like my father on this point.

Am glad to hear about your
garden. We had a beautiful spring here,
but the budding is now past and the
heavy green foliage is ~~now~~ out. This is
a pretty town as you probably know.

Give my very best to Mrs. Spear. Sincerely, Hig.

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H. C. COLEMAN
1521 PACKARD BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA 2

June 1, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The enclosed letter to you from Horace is, of course, self-explanatory, but I have drawn his check for \$1,500 to the order of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, under which, I understand, the Faith and Life Seminars come.

As suggested by Horace, I have noted on the check that it is "for Dr. Robert E. Speer's Faith and Life Seminars".

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor B. Klemm

Secretary

Coleman, "Hig" Aug. 9.

Dear Dr. Speer,

I am very sorry to hear of Dr. Irving's death. Altho I only met him once since I've been "grown up", I know ~~wh~~ that Mother thought a lot of him and I can realize a little bit how much you must miss him personally.

Please pardon this paper, but I can get no other at the moment and feel I had better write you now as I won't have time later.

I appreciate your writing me. But I hope and believe that the Board of C.E. will find some way of giving the ministers in the U.S. the opportunity to hear you. I know you miss ^{Dr. Irving} him, but I also know that ~~the~~ ^{the} ministers would miss you, if the seminars are not continued. So I certainly trust that the plans

will be carried out and new ones made.

Do remember me to Mrs. Speer. Ask her if she still has such an abhorrence of Bernard Baruch. One Perhaps she does. One time we were having a little discussion in your home (you had retired to work) and Mrs. Speer didn't exactly approve of my citing Mr. Baruch as worthy of something or other. Anyhow give her my love and remember me to Patty too if she's still there.

Sincerely yours,
Hig.

Sgt

AAFTTC (right)

Chap. 1000

Cotton, J. Harry

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PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
2330 NORTH HALSTED STREET
CHICAGO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 4, 1943

Dear Friends:

I am asking a group of twenty-five friends to sign the enclosed letter, it being sent to the CHURCH TIMES. It may also be given to the circular press, although that is not certain. The letter speaks for itself; and if you can sign it, I should appreciate having the enclosed postal returned not later than May 10.

With warmest regards,

Faithfully yours,

J. Harry Cotton

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I don't do this

for anyone because I don't

May 4, 1943

Dear Friends:

In this time of privilege and responsibility we believe that, as seldom before, our beloved Church needs a tested and prophetic leader. We express the sincere hope that Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin will this year be elected Moderator of the General Assembly by a voice vote, thus declaring to a divided world the unity of one part of the Church of Christ.

Dr. Coffin's qualifications scarcely need mention. His long pastorate in the Madison Avenue Church, New York City, was marked by one of the most notable social achievements in the recent history of Protestantism. Very rich and very poor labored and mingled together as members of the Body of Christ.

Not only did Dr. Coffin serve in Europe during the last war as special chaplain, but he also knows the mind and heart of the soldier today. His far-seeing utterances about the issues of this war have given him a position of trust and leadership as the Church plans for the coming peace.

He is held in high regard among the denominations with which we are discussing union. His clear-cut evangelical leadership has been proved, both in the Presbyterian pastorate and as the head of one of our greatest seminaries, and as an acknowledged leader in the world Christian movement.

In this time of crisis, the Church herself should lay hands on her strongest and best qualified son. We believe this honor of the world's need demands a man of the stature of Henry Sloane Coffin.

Cowan, Phyllis
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ULSTER BRANCH HEADQUARTERS
25 DONEGALL PLACE,
BELFAST.

June 13, 1942.

Dr Robert.E.Speer.D.D. L.L.D.
Rockledge.
Lakeville.
Conn. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Speer,

I have just read with great interest in the 1941 Year Book of the Ulster-Irish Society of your close family connections with County Antrim and especially with Broughshane and Ballymena.

May I therefore venture to send you a copy of a Press notice reprinted from the Belfast Evening Telegraph of February of this year which will tell you of a project to found an "Overseas House" in Belfast?

This is planned to be a centre for the Dominion and Allied Forces, and should be a home to which the men and women of the Fighting Forces from Overseas will come to for a welcome on arrival in our province of Ulster.

Among them there will be many of our splendid Allies from the United States of America, and thus we hope to strengthen the many links which bind us to your great country.

Ulster has a vital part to play since she is now a key point in the defence of the world which the United Nations have undertaken.

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This Extension Fund was opened on February 1 in Belfast. Nearly £2000 is in hand, and an offer has been made for a building in the centre of the city. If the offer is accepted, the Empire and Allied Services Rendezvous is assured.

May I just add that already many of your American boys and girls have been our honoured guests in our present small Headquarters, and say that we look forward to preserving those friendships when our larger home is opened?

With greetings from Ulster

I am
yours sincerely.

Phyllis Cowan

Hon. Secretary Ulster Branch. Overseas League.

Rathcavan.
Ballymena.
Co Antrim.

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Connell, Johnnis G.
c/o Mrs. Jarvis J. Coman,
P. O. B. 1000
Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Dec. 19th, 1941

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Speer,

The enclosed Christmas card brings my Christmas greeting to you and yours, but I must send with it an accompanying note to let you know how deeply I feel about Japan's treacherous attack on the U.S.A. It has cast a shadow over the approaching Festival. The loss of life was great and there will be many sorrowing hearts for those who will not return.

A friend sent me the enclosed challenging poem, taken from Punch. I hope the bombs dropped a week ago last Sunday on American territory

may arouse this country to a true realization of the peril confronting it, in spite of all Mr. Lindbergh's assurances of the past!

It is four years since I have seen Mrs. Speer; it seems a very, very long time. Each time I have been in New York I have hoped that I might meet her up unexpectedly - but, alas, the hope has never been fulfilled. Perhaps fate may be kinder during the coming year.

I trust that you are both well and able to enjoy having the little grands as much as ever. Joan must be quite a big lassie now. I hope Mrs. Barbour continues to get reassuring word from her husband. How he must long for the day when he can have them home again! Do you still have

The two little refugees with you? If so I hope they are not proving too great a burden. It was so wonderful of you to take them into your protective care - I hope some day the bread which you are always casting upon the waters may be returned many fold.

You will note that I am spending the winter in this little out of the way N. Carolina summer resort. I think Mr. Speer will remember it as he has spoken at some of the summer conferences which are held here by the Southern Methodist. It is rather a lonely place in the winter, almost all the houses closed & just a handful of all the year residents. There are no shops of any kind, no library, etc. One needs to drive to Waynesville or Asheville for these and that is a great draw back when there are no near by buses to take one. Southern

Pines, where I spent last winter, is better in these regards, but, alas, the place has become a bomb town with Fort Bragg sending in its overflow and prices have soared accordingly! However, I am very happy among all this beautiful mountain scenery. This house has a nice sun room facing the lake & I sit there sunny afternoons and enjoy all the peace and beauty of the view. There is fortunately one other boarder here - a Mrs Washington. She is not far from 80 years, but as bright and well as possible. She has been very friendly and kind to me and I am very glad to have her companionship evenings. We have a good radio and that keeps us informed of what is happening in the world.

I trust you may all have a happy, peaceful Christmas and that the New Year may bring with it the miracle of peace once again on this poor distraught world.

With love to Mrs Speer and the children and best regards to Mr Speer -

Very cordially yours
Johnnie G. Connell

JASPER E. CRANE
DU PONT BUILDING
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

December 8, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

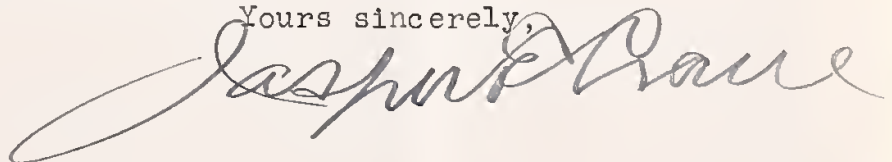
Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for telling me in your letter of November 21st of Professor Berdahl's paper. I got this from the Carnegie Endowment and have now read it. The article carries conviction with it, and I think I must modify the expression of opinion that I made on this subject at our meeting of November 19th.

He does not rule out, however, and this still seems to me to be the proper interpretation of American public opinion at the end of the first World War and thereafter, that while overwhelmingly in favor of an association of nations and an international order to prevent war, the American people did not accept with favor the actual League of Nations that was organized. When the details of this were published I believe that there was a popular feeling of being let down in the sense that it fell so far short of the ideal that we had been thinking of. Perhaps it was because the League of Nations was not properly interpreted to the American public. At any rate there was, though Professor Berdahl does not mention this, a serious fault in Wilson's leadership. However that may be, it is very important to have this careful analysis of what happened. It is a story of a course of events that should not be allowed to happen again.

For it seems to me now - don't you agree? - that the American people are determined to move in the direction of the abolition of the evil and horror of war and have a great ideal of international co-operation in the paths of peace. God grant that this will shall not be frustrated but that the leadership may be forthcoming to make possible effective steps to translate this ideal into actuality.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jasper E. Crane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours sincerely,".

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JASPER E. CRANE
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February 11, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Conn.

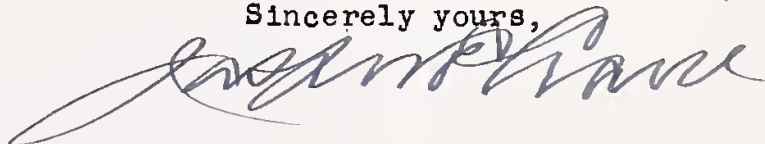
Dear Dr. Speer:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of "Democratic Ideals and Reality" by Sir Halford J. Mackinder. About fifteen years ago I knew Mackinder well and pleasantly and respected him as a man of wisdom and a fine Christian gentleman, but did not learn until recently that he had written such an outstanding book at the end of the first World War.

It is extraordinary how ably he analyzed the problem of making peace in 1919 and how applicable his analysis is to the present situation. At any rate it is a point of view, particularly as expressed in the last two chapters, which should not be overlooked. I think you will enjoy reading the book.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



JEC-LDN

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BERRY S. CREBS, M. D.
CARM, ILLINOIS

Jan 6 1943.

Robert E Speer D.D.,
Lakeville, Conn.,

Dear Doctor:

It is so unusual to find the Roman Catholic Church referred to in any thing but a fevorable light that the extract from a review of yours of the book Catholic Principles of Politics, as published in the Forward of Jan 2 , encourages me to hope that you may be interested in a complimentary copy of a book I am sending you which is entitled The Seventh Angel and is the exposition of The Revelation.

If you don't read any of the rest of it please consider the exposition of the 13th chapter.

A hundred years ago this would have been readily received but now the prophecy - "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" seems to apply here

Yours sincerely

Berry S Crebs

Crosby, Everett U.

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THE PLAZA, NEW YORK

April 11th,
1941.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I have your letter of the 7th and enclose check for your bible publication work, sending it to you instead of to the Bible Society as your circular which was enclosed in your letter suggests, because I want to make the following comment which I fancy might fall on deaf ears at Park Avenue and 57th Street.

I am not herein arguing against a certain and considerable publication and distribution of an unabridged bible but it seems to me that there should be a radically larger printing and distribution of the glorious, helpful, selected passages, what Winfred Rhoades in his book "The Self You Have to Live With" which I read last night, on page 158, calls "the bible within the bible."

It is exactly what you did in a most limited way on the second page of your circular under the heading "The Message" - thirteen glorious sentences. Just amplify this into fifteen to thirty pages for a guess and let it go at that.

For many years I have travelled this country on business and repeatedly have taken up the Gideon bible

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in a hotel room, tired at the end of a day and turned its pages to reach something here and there. It was only by chance that I ran across any of these glorious passages for I was not familiar with the bible and neither are ninety-nine per cent (for a guess) of the people I assume you want to reach and perhaps could reach by "a bible within a bible."

And it seems to me so uneconomical and so wasteful of paper, ink and money to print and circulate that big book with so very, very much in it which cannot interest the majority of possible readers - some of which actually does harm by being brought to their attention, and all of which is undesirable to the extent that it keeps them from getting at the "bible within the bible."

Admittedly and obviously this is a subject on which I am an ignoramus. Nevertheless, I have a feeling that something of this sort should be said by people of my status to people of your status.

Most sincerely yours,


Everett U. Crosby

6943 Willoughby Ave.
L. Angeles - California
Oct 17, 43

Oct. 17, 1943

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Speer:

Your words of appreciation of Mr Cunningham - ham are very sweet to me, and I thank you for them. I had not thought that this was coming to us. I had such confidence that what was being done for him would give him renewed strength and vigor. In these years he has come up so often from times of weakness and I had not thought that this would be any different. It seems as if the recuperative

Your kind thoughts
and expressions of sympathy
are deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged
Very Sincerely
M. E. Cunningham.

powers just gave out, that the heart grew tired and just stopped. I need not try to tell you of my loneliness - I feel sometimes as if I could not go on alone, but I am not alone. I do so rejoice with you that you have each other still. May you be spared to each other for many years. I, with you, am watching eagerly for the coming of the dear loved ones from China, and rejoicing with you in your getting the loved ones back again. Again thanking you, I am
Sincerely yours,
M. E. Cunningham.

Curtis, Grace Pierson

SQUIRREL OAKS
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

March 10, 1940

My dear Dr. Speer,

A letter was dictated and sent off ~~to~~ you only three or four days ago. Since then my beloved Uncle Delavan has been giving us more anxiety by developing bronchial pneumonia. He is doing as well as can possibly be expected, but of course he is already very weak and weary. God alone knows ^{even} the immediate future; He is working out some blessed plan for His Beloved and

Faithful servant, of that I have
absolute assurance. I have felt
from the beginning that perhaps He
is waiting eagerly to say — "Well done!"
to one who has borne deep wounds
and borne them bravely and cheerily.

My dear Dr. Speer, — would it
be asking too much of you to keep
me informed of your whereabouts? for
if Our Lord should call Uncle Delavan
Home, we would need you and want
you. He was so happy to receive
your brotherly letters. You
will be glad that he suffers little, save
from weakness and weariness —
Cordially yours
Grace Person Curtis

Curtis, Grace Pierson

SQUIRREL OAKS
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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March 15, 1940

My dear Dr. Spear,

Your immediate and sympathetic response to my letter was very deeply appreciated. My precious Uncle Delaware has given us all a very anxious month, especially at its beginning and its end. The doctors feared that the pneumonia might prove to be just the one thing too much, and indeed you would have thought so to see him; you would scarcely have recognized him. However,

his heart has been behaving more normally each day and the transfusions and other treatments have fed that splendid natural vitality of his with new energy these past two days, so that the surgeon says this afternoon we have real HOPE of having our Roland restored to us all who love him so dearly.

I well know that you will rejoice with us and are sending this immediately to ease the anxiety, and to tell you that if you can spare out for a little visit with him when you are in New York City, I believe it would do him a world of good.

SQUIRREL OAKS
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

He is very, very weak, of course, but his active mind and great heart feel the long isolation in the hospital and feed upon the messages from his dear ones, and especially upon the sight of their faces. He has to put up with us all the time, you know, and a Brother like you would be an oasis in his weary desert.

If you find it convenient to come out at any time I shall be delighted to

meet you at any hour, any
day, and act once more as
your taxi-driver.

With deep gratitude to God
for this gift, and to you for
your loving kindness in extremity

Affectionately

Grace Person Curtis

We feel like the women St. Paul
mentions in Hebrews 11:35 who
"received their dead by a resurrec-
tion"!

Cushman, Ralph S.

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Cushman, Ralph S.

The Methodist Church

Saint Paul Area

March 26, 1942

Dear Fellow Committee Members:

In line with our plan to keep you posted on our proceedings, and in order that we may receive your suggestions, I submit the following:

First, please note the mimeographed copy of Dr. Cavert's recent letter, indicating that the Government is becoming concerned about the vice situation around the camps. This fact should be taken into consideration in Mothers Day petitions, telegrams and letters to the President and to Congress. Should we not express appreciation of what has been started and urge thoroughgoing continuance? Evidence goes to show that local politics and underworld operations are hindering protection against vice in very many cities and towns. How can we stir up public opinion in this regard?

Second, I am enclosing the list of members of our Committee. There are still two of the larger Communions to be heard from.

Third, our small six page pamphlet, "Help Defend Our Defenders" urging nation wide action on Mothers Day, will go to the printer this week. It will contain facts about the present situation. We will be glad to get your criticisms. We are printing a hundred thousand, which will cost \$1.71 per thousand, plus shipping costs. As we have no money, we are asking the denominational agencies and the temperance and other cooperating organizations to purchase these at cost. Please send your order immediately in order that the printer may keep ahead of the demand.

Fourth, we are communicating with the editors of the various denominational papers, giving them the pamphlet, together with information which we receive from the Federal Council, and urging their cooperation. You are urged to send personal letters to the editors of your denominational press.

Will you send your criticisms and suggestions and orders for the pamphlets to our Saint Paul address for the present?

Yours cordially,


Ralph S. Cushman, Chairman

Committee For the Defense of Our Defenders

1987 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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Cushman, Ralph S.

The Methodist Church
Saint Paul Area
1987 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota

April 2, 1942

Ralph Spaulding Cushman
Resident Bishop

Elizabeth Jennings
Office Secretary

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I hope this is my final report before Mothers Day as chairman of the Committee For the Defense of Our Defenders.


The enclosed pamphlet copy will summarize our entire procedure. In some way, a copy of the pamphlet must be put into the hands of every pastor in your denomination immediately. How can it be done?

The Northern Baptist headquarters for Social Action and the Methodist Board of Temperance are reaching all of their pastors. If you and the other members on this committee who are in your denomination will agree on the procedure, and will let me know how many of the pamphlets you will need, we will have the printer ship you the number you indicate. Of course you understand that each denomination will have to purchase its order, at the rate stated on the pamphlet.

I know the difficulties in the way, but the results of this nation-wide cooperation will, we are sure, bring the reward.

We are also contacting the editors of your denominational press, and will urge them to ask for the cooperation of your pastors in telegrams, letters and petitions on Mothers Day.

Sincerely yours,


Ralph S. Cushman
Resident Bishop, Saint Paul Area
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DEFENSE OF OUR DEFENDERS

Anti-War Appeal to the Christian People of America

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Two great evils menace the armed forces of the United States.

They are ancient evils. They have "done in" more than one ancient civilization.

They are Prostitution and Liquor.

Not only do they menace America's victory. Since America's army has become a citizen army, they menace the future of ordinary living in your community and ours --- they endanger the future of the American way of life.

MR. AND MRS. AMERICAN:
WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

On Sunday, May 10th, Mother's Day, the Committee For the Defense of Our Defenders proposes to take these issues to the Christian people of the United States.

What day could be more appropriate? Who has more at stake in this vital issue than the mothers of America? Than today's mothers? Tomorrow's mothers, who---unless these evils are checked -- must put up with tippling husbands and bring into the world children cursed with venereal taint?

What can you do?

Write, telegraph, protest! Write or wire (A) to the President of the United States who is commander-in-chief of our armed forces., (B) to your Senators and Representative in Congress. (C) to your Governor and to your State Legislators, if training camps are located in your state.

Moreover, sign the petitions which will be provided for you by your minister and by the temperance organizations in your community.

THE FIRST GREAT EVIL **
PROSTITUTION.

The United States government is making an honest effort to drive out the harpies of this ancient "profession" from the vicinity of the camps and military and naval posts. It needs your support.

Mr. Charles P. Taft, assistant director for the Defense of Health and Welfare Services of the Federal Security Agency reported recently that 127 red light districts have been closed within the last few weeks. The agency acted under the authority of the May Act of July, 1941. In many of these cases the cooperation of the State and Local authorities made possible these results.

Despite these efforts and the induction into the service of hundreds of thousands of young men from civilian life who are not accepted if they have a venereal taint, infection rates are increasing. Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service and Dr. R.A. Vonderlehr, assistant surgeon general, in a recent book, "Plain Words About Venereal Disease" state that the syphilis rate is climbing back rapidly to the 1939 rate of 14 per 1000 men. The rate for gonorrhoea has gone up from 27.7 to 40.3 for each 1000.

In conference with American churchmen, Mr. Taft is reported to have said that the government is meeting with a great deal of resistance

Awake to the menace of liquor. Beer is sold openly -- or given away -- in canteens, governmentally operated, at military and naval camps and posts. (Army Regulation, 1935)

America is trying to quiet its conscience, hiding behind a legal fiction that 3% beer is not "intoxicating." Use your common sense: or ask any policeman! If you prefer the scientific approach, read Dr. Walter H. Miles of Yale University, "There is no longer room for doubt with reference to the toxic effect of alcoholic beverages as weak as 2.75%".

Men and women do get "fighting drunk" or nothing but beer. And the fighting is not done at the war front either!

Inquire of the mothers of America what their decent God-fearing sons are writing home about conditions in the camps. Ask your pastor what he has been hearing from the best boys of his congregation.

Ask the brewers! They know.

The Brewers Digest of May, 1941, said,

"One of the finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence by high ranking army officers to make beer available at Army Camps. There is a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population."

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SPEAKS

In December, 1940,

"Whereas, the National Selective Service Act now in operation will call up millions of young men for training in Military Camps and Naval Stations; and

"Whereas, during the World War the Selective Service Act of 1917 set up effective procedures on the part of our government for protecting the young men in the National Service from being exploited by the liquor traffic, and by Commercialized Vice, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor to any man in the uniform of the Army or the Navy of the United States, and throwing a zone of banishment around the Training Camps as a protection against organized Vice; be it

"Resolved that we call upon the President of the United States, and upon the Secretaries of War and of the Navy to take such action as will secure the fullest possible moral and health protection for our soldiers and sailors."

Again, on March 13, 1942:

"The Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America reaffirms the action taken by the Federal Council in December, 1940, as indicated above, and hereby calls upon the President and the Congress of the United States to take such action as will give to our armed forces protection from the liquor and Commercialized Vice traffics, in order that the physical and the moral welfare of our armed forces may be safeguarded, and National Defense promoted."

"Army-Navy and Vice Traffics."

Dated March 26th. The Federals published the copies of resolutions. Sent one to each governor, urging "that he should not permit the sale of liquor in his jurisdiction." "The Federals have now taken the first step in their campaign to bring about the repeal of the National Prohibition Act."

SOME SAMPLE COMMUNICATIONS
Preferably, make your petition by line or letter in your own words, remembering courtesy and brevity. The following forms will suggest:

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"To the President of the United States, Washington, D.C.

"We, the undersigned American citizens and voters, respectfully appeal to the President of the United States as commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy to take action to prevent the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors, including beer, to soldiers or sailors in uniform; to bring about discontinuance of the sale of beer in government commissaries; to create dry zones around military and naval establishments; to set up dry zones around industrial establishments in which airplanes, ships, tanks, arms, and equipment must be produced with the utmost precision and speed for the support of the armed forces. (See also Federal Council Resolution on page

A Letter to The President

"My dear Mr. President:

In the interests of efficiency and morale, and the public defense, we believe the menace of vice and intoxicating liquors around our military training camps should be more vigorously attacked.

We confidently believe that, not only fathers and mothers of our soldiers and sailors, but a very large proportion of American citizens feel that action by the Chief Executive of the nation in this matter is vitally important."

A letter to your Senators or Representatives in Washington, D.C.

"The Honorable -----
Dear Sir:

We most respectfully appeal to you as a member of the (Senate or House) to vote for legislation which will provide the largest possible protection for the men in our Army and Navy against the insidious influence of vice and intoxicating liquors. Especially as ask you to use your influence in securing the passage of the Sheppard Bill (S.860) at an early date.

A Letter to your Governor and other State and Local Officials

"Dear Sir:

In line with the recent appeal from Washington urging the Governors of States, and others, to cooperate with the Federal authorities in "assuming responsibility" for tightened law enforcement, around military, naval and other training camps, we urge you to join in this national defense effort against prostitution and liquor. We want to express to you our conviction that public opinion is squarely behind you in helping to protect our country and in the efficient service of the national defense.

YOU A F...?
You will cooperate of course in this movement by having printed or mimeographed copies of the above petitions - or better, a petition of your own wording). Have them signed by your people on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 10, 1942, and also see that they go forward to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to your Senators and Congressmen, and to your Governor and legislative leaders.

ARE YOU A LAYMAN or a
LAYWOMAN?

Stand back of your pastor. Sign the petitions. Moreover, write wire, write! Talk about this movement and the seriousness of it to your relatives and friends. AGITATE FOR A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARD BEER AND OTHER LIQUORS ON THE PART OF OUR HIGHEST OFFICIALS! Urge Congress to pass the Sheppard Bill! What is more vital to the future of America?

REMEMBER MOTHERS DAY. Mothers Day, Sunday, May 10th. Join this Mothers Day movement with other Christian people of America.

(List of the Committee)

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The field is white to the harvest. Would you not like to be a fellow helpers by prayer? It is the greatest help you can give. Mathew 9:38.

Dr R.E.Speer
Lakeville Conn U.S.A.

Dear Dr Speer:

I have written the life of my dear wife who graduated from the Womans Medical College of Philadelphia and spent forty years caring for the poor sick of Mexico. She went to be with Jesus eighteen months ago. I have asked the publishers WM. Erdman Co to send you a copy of the little book. I shall appreciate the kindness if you will look over the book and give me a review of the book. I shall appreciate a frank word from you as to the book. Such a word will reach me at 3753 Northampton Ave N.W. Washington D.C. It was a joy to see you again at Bonclarken conference this past summer. The Student Volunteer Conference held at Cleveland Ohio years ago and at which you spoke and with which meeting you had so much to do in making it what it was, there *was* formed a friendship between my wife and myself that ripened into a love that made us one. I thank God for all you have meant to me during the years.

Faithfully

J.G. Dale